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PROGRESS IN BUSINESS

ACHIEVED BY HARD WORK AND SQUARE DEALING.

The Motto of the Merrimack Clothing Company.

The ever growing competition has caused the business man to realize that the survival of the fittest is the rule that governs, and that he who doesn't labor falls by the wayside, while his more active competitor succeeds.

Thus the successful business man of today knows his business, and knowing it, conducts it in a business-like manner, striving ever for that position not open to all, at the top ring of the ladder of prosperity. He lets no opportunity slip by unaccepted and in his struggle honesty, sincerity and perseverance are his watchwords.

In business there are two interested parties, the dealer and the consumer and between the two exists a reciprocity, for the consumer will always patronize the dealer who gives him honest, courteous and reasonable treatment and it is the dealer's object to have his patrons trade steadily at his place.

With those facts in mind it is not surprising to note the wonderful success of the Merrimack Clothing Co. during its existence particularly, through the year just closed.

In the past six months although the general clothing business was unusually dull, the Merrimack Co., under the efficient managment of Mr. D. S. O'Brien has done a better buisness than in the corresponding months of the previous year.

And the proof?

Manager O'Brien is not given to elaborate advertising tales and when he makes a claim for his trade or stock he shows his grounds for such claims. Yesterday he invited an inspection of his books by local newspapermen and Charles F. Coburn, Frank J. Simonds and John H. Harrington representing three of the newspapers to whose advertising Mr. O'Brien attributes in a large measure the cause of his success.

Their inspection resulted as follows:

LOWELL, Mass., Jan. 2, 1896.

To whom it may concern:

At the request of the management of the Merrimack Clothing company, the undersigned have this day made a careful examination of the sales books of this company, covering the months of July, August, September, October, November and December, in the years 1894 and 1895, respectively, and we find that during the months named in 1895 there was an increase of sales over the amount of sales made in the corresponding months of 1894 of sixteen and forty-five one-hundreds, (16.45) per cent.

CHAS. F. COBURN.
FRANK J. SIMONDS.
JOHN H. HARRINGTON.

The following gives the opinions of outside clothing wholesalers regarding the business of the fall:

BOSTON, Jan. 1, 1896.

Merrimack Clothing Co., Lowell, Mass.,

Gentlemen:

In answer to your esteemed favor of this date we would say that as far as we could learn of the trade journals of which we have inquired, the extreme mild weather this fall has depressed the trade for winter goods, particularly since the first day of November, and most dealers in winter clothing are behind in their sales for November and December, in comparison with the same months in '94.

As to the coming season we are very hopeful for the spring business, from the fact of the general employment of labor in general mechanical pursuits.

Now that the war scare is over and the money market will soon right itself, we think there is good ground for the correctness of our views regarding the spring business and we bespeak for you and your concern a full share of that continuous increase which your energy and enterprise justly entitle you to.

Very Truly Yours,
A. SHUMAN & Co.

With becoming modesty Mr. O'Brien claims none of the credit himself, though his efforts and knowledge of the business were a great factor in the success of the company, which promises in the near future to be among the foremost clothing houses in New England.

Want the Names.

City Clerk Dadman requires that candidates for surveyor of lumber, weighers of coal and other articles, surveyor of plastering, measurers of grain, wood and bark, and inspectors of boilers, send in their full names and addresses on or before Saturday, Jan. 4.

Ward Committees Organizing.

The ward four democratic committee has elected Ed. Flanagan chairman and Peter J. Brady executive.

Who does your printing? THE SUN job print would do it well and save you money.

CHRISTMAS

Presents of money to England, Ireland and Scotland for Christmas at the money order office.

324 Market Street, cor. Worthen

Payable at any bank in England, Ireland and Scotland.

J. F. O'DONNELL, Agt.

324 Market, corner Worthen Street.

$125 UPRIGHT PIANO, in good condition, made by Hallet & Davis, Boston; seven and one-third octaves. A bargain for some one. GEORGE A. GARDNER, 20 Prescott Street, Lowell, Mass.

A GREAT FINISH

B. A. A. Defeats Miserables by One Pin.

HIGHLANDS LOSE TO THE ARLINGTON CLUB.

"Joe" Donohoe's Team Wins From Haverhill.

One pin gave the Boston Athletic bowlers victory, last night, in their game with Les Miserables. The score was 2589 to 2588.

At the end of the first string, B. A. A. had the lead by 28 pins, but on the second the Lowell boys pulled out much better than before, and by knocking down 917 pins took away the lead and swung into first place with a margin of 53.

Only two fancy spares were made in the game, and both were made by Swift. In the first the ball made the 5, 10 combination, and in the second, pins 4, 5, and 7 were sent flying. The score:

B. A. A.—Hill 524, Lodge 482, Fuller 564, Burton 455, Leagate 564; total 2589.

Les Miserables—Swift 509, Farrell 498, Seede 487, McLaughlin 544, Marren 552; total 2588.

Highlands Defeated by 13.

The number 13 is unlucky for some people and the Highland club bowlers must be in that class. Last night they went to Arlington and after bowling a very even game were beaten by the mystic "13." The score:

Arlington—Hayden 493, Whittemore 496, Carter 531, Olive 543, Lloyd 530; total 2602.

Highlands—Church 564, Leighton 531, Barton 481, Dickerman 505, Lewis 508; total 2589.

The Leaders Were Beaten By the Lowells.

The Haverhills, leaders in the Merrimack valley league were beaten by Joe Donohoe's Lowell team at Les Miserables alleys last evening by the following scores:

Lowell—Hartwell 558, Murphy 586, Donohoe 480, Fullerton 465, Boulger 537; total 2626.

Haverhill—Atkinson 544, Legacy 454, McKay 516, Fullerton 494, Lewis 529; total 2537.

The Centrals Won Again.

"Charlie" Thornton and his Centrals ran away with the Favorites on the Olympic alleys last evening. The score:

Centrals—Fagan 487, F. Donohoe 437, O. Donohoe 410, E. Donohoe 489, Thornton 478; total 2301.

Favorites—Hounsell 396, Cote 481, Carney 462, Fee 474, McClennan 457; total 2270.

They Took a Fall Out of Bennett.

Col. "Jim" Bennett and his team of heavyweights, were thrown down and jumped on hard by the featherweights on the Highland club alleys last night. All of the Colonel's friends were on hand, and cheering louder than the band could play.

The colonel himself was in the game but could not get the semi-quiver on the ball and so lost. The totals:

Heavyweights—Bennett 318, Warren 413, Stowell 336, Bicknell 332, Wheeler 330; total 1729.

Narrowbacks—Ranlett 409, Stott 361, Roper 365, Lyman 421, Conlon 348; total 1894.

THEATRICAL NEWS.

Music Hall.

The performance given by Salambo and Clivette at Music Hall last evening is one of the most amusing seen in this city for years.

The Baldwin's created a sensation at the Opera House and Kellar and Herman were considered wonders but their best tricks were excelled by Salambo and Clivette and their lady mind reader at Music Hall last night.

The performance opened with an excellent juggling act; then came a series of acts many of which are new and even those which were seen here before were performed with such dexterity that they elicited enthusiastic applause.

The lady mind reader with eyes bandaged on the stage added a column of figures put upon a black board by a man who resides on Kinsman street.

She also cubed various numbers given by the audience without hesitation.

Then she told the names of various articles picked up from the audience by a member of the company, the initials on watches, the names and numbers printed on the inside of ladies' gloves.

One of the features of the performance was an exhibition of shadowgraphs. Birds, beasts, animals, men, women were shown in rapid succession by the various forms of a man's hands and then fighting, hugging, kissing, fishing and various other laughable acts were represented.

The tricks of legerdemain, and the electric act were highly enjoyed especially the latter. In the electric act a gentleman and lady hold carbons in their hands and at the touch of the carbons a brilliant arc light blazed forth as though it came from a deadly current of 2600 volts. Then both swallowed fire and issued volumes of fire from their mouths. Altogether the performance is so entertaining, so wonderful and so novel that it should be seen by everybody.

PERSONAL.

Mr. S. W. Fletcher of Agawam street is ill.

Mrs. O. G. Fish is recovering from her illness.

Rev. Fr. Quinn, O. M. I., of Buffalo, is visiting friends in this city.

The engagement is announced of Robert J. Beals of Epping, N. H., to Miss Daisy Hadley of this city.

The engagement of Arthur Edson Patterson of New York and Miss Minnie Grimes of this city is announced.

Miss Floy Cutler entertained at her home, 17 Nicolet street, Wednesday, in honor of her cousin, Miss Ethel Trow.

Harvard TONIC PILLS

A Positive Cure For All Nervous and Kidney Diseases

2 O'CLOCK

DOWNS IS SCORED

As a Result of Somerville Investigation.

CITY ENGINEER EATON IS COMPLETELY EXONERATED.

Downs Has Resigned as a Result.

SOMERVILLE, Mass., Jan. 3.—"I think that the wrong man was shot. I say it in all calmness and coolness. The wrong man fell on that eventful Saturday morning." Mayor Hodgkins used these words in a long speech of denunciation and censure of the course of Alderman Downs, who instigated the charges against Horace L. Eaton, while he was acting as city engineer of Somerville. The mayor was speaking at the time in the Somerville aldermanic chamber last night, while that body was considering two reports presented by the special investigating committee appointed in consequence of the charges preferred against Mr. Eaton by Alderman Downs. Both the majority and minority reports completely exonerated Mr. Eaton of any dishonesty or malfeasance of office. The mayor advocated Alderman Downs' expulsion.

Traction Strike on Again.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 3. — Early this morning the motormen and conductors employed by the Union Traction company decided not to go to work. The official declaration was made at a mass meeting of the men in Labor lyceum. It came amid the greatest confusion and against the strong protests of the conservative element. In fact, the excitement was so intense that numerous small riots between the elements were averted with the greatest difficulty. The meeting broke up in the greatest disorder. Throughout it was manifest that many of the men who went out on the last strike will report for duty as usual. The temper of the strikers is such that trouble is almost bound to follow.

Mediation In Siege at Zeitoun.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Jan. 3.—The Turkish government has accepted the offer of the representatives of the powers to mediate between the porte and the insurgents of Zeitoun, who are surrounded by Turkish troops. At the request of the British ambassador instructions have been sent by the Turkish government to the Vali of Harpoot to permit Dr. H. M. Barnum, the American missionary, to distribute to the destitute Armenians the relief funds subscribed for them in England.

Not on the Program.

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—Mrs. Leslie Carter accidentally stabbed John Kellard last night during the performance of "The Heart of Maryland." Mr. Kellard takes the part of Colonel Ford, and in the third act of the play there is an exciting scene between him and Mrs. Leslie Carter, who assumes the role of "Maryland," the heroine of the play. It was during this act that Mr. Kellard received the injuries. He was not dangerously hurt.

Railroad Employes on Strike.

BUFFALO, Jan. 3.—A number of workmen in the Western New York and Pennsylvania machine shops struck yesterday. The strike was unexpected. One alleged grievance is the refusal of the company to restore the 10 per cent reduction of wages made some time ago, and another is the discharge of men employed in the machine shop. There are in all about 800 men employed, and it is possible the strike may extend to all departments.

Shoe Workers Are Dissatisfied.

HAVERHILL, Mass., Jan. 3.—The shoe council, the governing board of all local labor organizations except the cutters' assembly, held a secret meeting last night to discuss several difficulties in local factories. Widespread dissatisfaction prevails among shoe workers, and unless the existing difficulties are adjusted, another big strike may be decided upon.

Where Is the Mascot?

BALTIMORE, Jan. 3.—Fears are entertained in Baltimore that the tug Mascot, which sailed hence Nov. 27 for Port-au-Spain, Trinidad, has been lost. It is also believed that she may have been bought to be used as a blockade runner in the interest of the Cuban insurgents.

Absence Unaccounted For.

ROWLEY, Mass., Jan. 3.—Ralph Villiars, 20 years old, a telegraph operator, has been missing since last Thursday. His folks believe he is a victim of foul play. He always carried much money. His accounts are right, and he owes no bills.

Big Demand For Talmage.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—When Dr. Talmage came to the First Presbyterian church recently it was arranged that he should preach Sunday evenings, while Dr. Sunderland, with whom he was made co-pastor, should alternate in the pulpit Sunday mornings with Mr. Allen, the assistant pastor. Since Dr. Talmage began to preach there has been a demand that he should hold the pulpit twice on Sundays. Offers have also come from other churches for his services on Sunday mornings. He has announced to the elders that he desires to preach twice each Sunday; that he is able to, and that the pressure for him seems a providential call. The elders have the same opinion. Mr. Allen, however, stands upon his rights, which are defined by the contract and by church polity, and declines to yield the pulpit. Consequently the presbytery will be called upon to decide the question.

For Republicans to Consider.

TOPEKA, Jan. 3.—Ex-Chief Justice Albert Horton has entered his associate, Justice David J. Brewer, as Republican candidate for the presidency. "Do you know," said he, "that Judge Brewer is likely to be considered for the presidency by the St. Louis convention. He is decidedly the biggest man Kansas ever gave to the public life, and you will find that he will distinguish himself in the Venezuelan investigation. Of course the commission will not report until long after the St. Louis convention shall have met and done its work, but that will not make any difference. Brewer will be considered by the St. Louis convention regardless of that."

THE SCHOOL BOARD

Will Meet Tonight to Elect a Musical Instructor.

The school board will hold an adjourned meeting tonight. It is not likely that the republicans will attend as the only business will be the election of a supervisor of music.

It is expected that Mr. Molloy will be chosen. He is already teaching in the schools and yesterday he was at the Butler school while today he gave lessons at the Highland and the Green schools.

The inaugural exercises at city hall, Monday will commence at 9.30 o'clock.

Janitor McGuirk and his assistants will have the interior of the building looking its best next Monday.

The school board and the overseers of poor will organize Monday afternoon. It is now stated positively that Mr. Swapp will be chosen president of the school board and Mr. Kimball, chairman of the board of overseers of the poor.

It would be a great stroke of policy on the part of the republicans to hold City Messenger Cahill in office.

LOCAL NOTES.

Mr. Samuel Horn of Smith street celebrated his 89th birthday Wednesday.

Deputy Finnigan installed the newly elected officers of Court Wamesit, F. of A., last night.

A reception and banquet was tendered Rev. C. E. Fisher, the new pastor of the First Universalist church, by his congregation last evening.

Fred G. Chagnon and Thomas McDonald, who gave Lowell as their residence, were recently sentenced to jail in Manchester for stealing overcoats.

The 25,000 stock of high jackets, capes, fur, etc., at Chris Holmes' specialty store must be turned into cash at once. Cost of garments no object. See ad.

Daniel Gage has purchased the Walker place at Chelmsford Centre, containing 50 acres, from the heirs of the late Samuel Hunt, formerly a member of the district police.

The officers of Lowell council, Royal Arcanum were installed last evening. The council's quartet rendered several selections and the new officers delivered brief addresses.

The newly elected officers of the Y. M. C. I. were installed by Rev. Fr. Dacey, O.M.I., last evening. It was the first installation in the new building and a ritual was employed for the first time.

A son has arrived at the home of Louis H. Kileski, Esq., chairman of the republican city committee. The newcomer has already been christened Frederick Greenhalge Kileski, in honor of the governor.

An afternoon tea was given by Miss Ethel Stevens yesterday in honor of her guest, Miss Kempton and it was a delightful affair. The Page company catered and the American orchestra furnished music.

Wannalancit encampment, I. O. O. F., had its newly elected officers installed last evening at Odd Fellows' Temple by District Deputy Alvah Locke of Lawrence and staff After the installation exercises a collation was served.

Scrofula

Appears in a hundred different forms, such as Running Sores, White Swellings, Eruptions, Boils, Pimples, Salt Rheum, Scald Head, etc. The only cure is in making Pure, Rich

Blood

Hood's Sarsaparilla makes pure blood and has never been equalled as a cure for Scrofula. Cases considered incurable, and given up by physicians, yield to its wonderful purifying, vitalizing powers. In fact,

Hood's Sarsaparilla

Is the One True Blood Purifier. $1; 6 for $5.

Prepared only by C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass.

Hood's Pills are gentle, mild, effective. All druggists. 25c.

Annual January Clearance Sale

$25,000

Worth of High Grade JACKETS, CAPES, FURS and MACKINTOSHES involved. Every cut in price. Our immense stock must be turned into cash at once.

Garments at ½ Price
Garments at ¼ Price

Chris Holmes'

Specialty Store,

124 and 126 Merrimack St.

ON TO HABANA

Cuba's Capital May Soon Be Invaded.

BY THE INSURGENTS UNDER GENERAL GOMEZ.

Their Tactics Beyond Comprehension of Spanish.

HABANA, Jan. 3.—There is now no doubt that the insurgents are in large force in the province of Habana and are spread over a wide space, their rear guard still stretching back into Matanzas province, while their vanguard is at Aguacate, a town of some importance on the railroad line between Matanzas and Habana, and only a little over 30 miles from Habana.

Apparently the full force of the insurgents are engaged in this renewed incursion toward Habana. But they maintain the same scattered formation, divided into columns, which proved effective in carrying them into the immediate neighborhood of Matanzas, the different columns apparently retaining the intuitive faculty of knowing the whereabouts and needs of each other, and thus being able to co-operate with one another and avail themselves to the full extent of the feints and diversions which the different columns carry out for the assistance of the others.

The Spanish commanders are apparently utterly unable to cope with this kind of warfare, or to check the advance of the insurgents, which is now once more directed straight upon Habana. Early yesterday the authorities apparently had hopes of preventing the entrance of the insurgents into Habana province. When it became known that they were gathering in force on the borders, two battallons of troops were stationed at Las Palos to oppose their advance into the rich valley of the Guines, which is studded over with the most valuable canefields on the island. The Spanish troops seem to have failed utterly to prevent the insurgents from passing them and reaching Aguacate, which is, however, well to the northward of the Guines district.

It is learned that Gomez now intends to extend his incursion into the western province of Pinar del Rio, and the situation is considered exceedingly grave in view of the great activity that has been manifested by local bands of insurgents in Pinar del Rio ever since Gomez's advance into Matanzas. It is known that Gomez has directed these movements, notwithstanding the designation of their leaders as mere bandits. It is feared that his advance will be accompanied by a general uprising in the province, co-operated in by the local leaders, who are already very well equipped for doing damage.

An advance into Pinar del Rio would have the effect of practically surrounding this city with the insurgents' sympathizers. The authorities, however, stoutly maintain all their previously expressed confidence that the insurgents will not dare to attack Habana, and that the new movement is merely a raid intended to destroy property, as was the last.

An Escaped Prisoner's Story.

Honore Laine, who was a prisoner in Gomez's hands for five days, has effected his escape and has returned to Habana. He gives an interesting account of his experiences in the insurgent camp, and explains some of the mysteries of the insurgent movements, which have proved so successful for their purposes and so baffling to the Spanish authorities.

He describes the so-called retreat of the main force of the insurgents from about Matanzas through Navajas, Torriente, Crimes, Murga and Aguada, when it was supposed they were hurrying to Santa Clara province for a refuge, or were making a demonstration upon Cienfuegos, and their subsequent countermarch by a more northerly course by Calimete, Manquito, Baro and Coral Falso in the direction of Alfonso XII.

Laine declares that Gomez and Maceo are at the head of a force of 8000 cavalry and infantry, the cavalry being excellently equipped, and that they have a well-organized force of 300 men to carry stretchers.

The infantry force, Laine describes as being armed with mauser rifles, while the rest of the force are armed with different kinds of weapons. When the column is on the march, he says, it spreads out over six miles, the flanks being carefully guarded by scouting parties under command of the brothers Nunez.

The engagement with General Navarro, Laine says, was a surprise to the insurgents, and they sustained a numerous loss. During this engagement a shell fell within a short distance of General Gomez. He reports that most of the damage done to the country is done by the insurgent infantry. He asserts, also, that General Gomez intends to make the advance into Pinar del Rio with his cavalry.

Reports are received that the canefields of the central estate of Carmen, in the district of Union de Reyes, have been burned, as well as those on the Conchita plantation in the district of Alfonso XII, and the fields at Vallente, on the border of the province of Matanzas.

Their Second Matrimonial Venture.

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—Mrs. Alva S. Vanderbilt announced to her friends yesterday that she is engaged to be married to Oliver Belmont. Mrs. Willie K., as Mrs. Vanderbilt is known in society, is the divorced wife of William Kissam Vanderbilt. She is the mother of the Duchess of Marlborough (Miss Consuelo Vanderbilt). Oliver Belmont is the son of the late August Belmont. He is himself a divorced man, his first wife having married again.

About Mrs. Davidson.

BANGOR, Me., Jan. 3.—The Bangor News, in commenting on the dispatches from San Francisco relative to the Davidson extortion case, says that Mrs. Mary A. Davidson was Mary Abbott of Bucksport. As a girl she had fine presence, was stately, beautiful of face and form, brilliant and witty. Her first husband was Major Frank Pierce of Bucksport, an officer of the Sixth Maine regiment, who died in 1868. The News claims that her second husband, Mr. Davidson, from whom she was divorced, is still living.

Dismissed, With Sympathy.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Jan. 3.—Rev. Frank Hyatt Smith, pastor of the North Avenue Congregational church, who figured in the United States district court recently, was formally dismissed from the pastorate of that church yesterday by the North Suffolk Congregational conference. Twenty-five churches were represented at the meeting. The proceedings were necessary, as the rules of the church so provide. Resolutions of condolence with Mr. Smith were passed.

DEATHS.

CUTTER—Abijah Cutter whose death occurred recently in Santa Monica, California, was one of the old residents of Lowell. While still a young man he learned the lock and gun business of the late O. A. Richardson. Some years later Mr. Richardson and Mr. Cutter went into a partnership under the firm name of Richardson & Cutter, which continued until 1878, when Mr. Cutter retired from the business altogether.

Mr. Cutter formerly was a member of Lowell Mechanic Phalanx, and also belonged to the fire department for many years. More recently he was deputy fish commissioner and warden for Lowell. At the time of his departure for California he was a member of the Veteran Firemen's association.

O'LEARY—Ellen O'Leary died at the city farm yesterday, aged 96 years. She was in the farm since 1878 and had been in Tewksbury ten years previously. She was originally a resident of Lowell.

BRODERICK—Thomas Broderick aged 60 years, died yesterday at his home 28 Bowden street.

WOODWARD—Ably F. Woodward aged 52 years, wife of George F. Woodward died yesterday at 19 Loring street.

FINNEGAN—Frank Finnegan aged 9 years, son of Michael and Mary Finnegan, died Wednesday evening at 141 Fayette street.

McCAULEY—Emma McCauley aged 28 years, died yesterday at St. John's hospital.

When you want any decoration done or a design made to suit at a reasonable price call on Jim at 6 Prescott street. Greenhouses at Brookside. Telephone connection.

LEAP YEAR PARTY

Held in Lester's Hall Last Night by Sales Ladies.

The dear girls are not delinquent above assuming the duties of leap year for a delightful leap year party opened the season last night, the affair being held in Lester's hall by a party of Merrimack street sales ladies.

The attendance was large and in a short time after their arrival everyone was acquainted and a splendid time was enjoyed.

At 8.15 the grand march began. It was led by Miss Eva C. Geary and Mr. Asa Flint, followed by Miss Bessie Cushing and Mr. Edward A. Barnes, and Miss Helen Pinault and Mr. Joseph Eno of Haverhill.

Among the ladies whose costumes were attractive were: Misses Flora R. Small, Eva C. Geary, Maria L. Lucier, Bessie Cushing, C. Maude Lewis, Helen M. Pinault, C. May Dinsmore, Nellie Denver, Annie Cilley, Hattie Jalbert, Maggie Dolan, Maud Flanders, Kate Osser, Edith Graham, Ella Burke, Hattie Cassely, Sarah J. Honan, Annabel Macauley, Kittie Hanchey, Emma Boire, Lena Betelle, Della Leonard, Lulu Lyons, Christina and Kate Kenney, Maud E. Harris, Evelyn Kempton, Lou Hoyt, Alice Deming, Marion Field, Kate Ryan, Ella Hale, Nora Ryan, Helen Macauley, Cora Lane, Ina Pindar, Nellie Bottomley, Nellie Favreau, Emma Lanoue, Helen Hutchins, Mrs. George R. Studley, Mrs. Rosa Jordan Hartford, Mrs. F. J. Vigeant, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Ham, Mrs. Joseph Hibbard, Mrs. C. A. Lester, Mrs. Mongeau and Mrs. Byron.

After the march, general dancing was enjoyed until after midnight. Intermission was taken at 11 o'clock, when the ladies served refreshments.

The officers were: General manager, manager, Miss Flora R. Small; floor director, Miss Eva C. Geary; aids, Misses Marie L. Luchier, Bessie Cushing, C. Maud Lewis, Helen M. Pinault and C. May Dinsmore; matron, Mrs. George R. Studley.

It is True

that there is no other tea used so extensively in this city today as the Garden Flower tea sold by us. If you are not using it you don't use the best tea. Commercial Tea Co., opp. post office.

Thomas Talbot Elected Secretary.

At the annual meeting of the republican state committee in Boston yerterday, Thomas Talbot of North Billerica was elected secretary.

The ladies of the Pawtucket church last evening held an enjoyable sociable in the vestry.

TO THE YOUNG FACE

Pozzoni's Complexion Powder gives fresher charms, to the old renewed youth. Try it.

HUSBAND IS GONE

And His Wife Deplores His Departure.

BECAUSE SHE KNOWS NOT WHERE HE WENT.

May Have Gone to Work or Eloped.

A woman residing on Bridge street is mourning the mysterious disappearance of her husband, who took his trunk and left their home on Tuesday last, leaving behind him no trace of where he went.

He was a weaver and as he had been out of work for some time he may have gone in search of employment.

The deserted wife, however, is greatly affected and is unable to leave her bed since her husband's disappearance. At present she is threatened with a fever. It was reported that the husband had eloped but inquiry fails to substantiate the report.

His present wife is his second and as he has children in Manchester his mysterious departure is considered suspicious.

FUNERAL SERVICES.

KYERCE—The funeral of Katherine Kyerce took place Wednesday afternoon from her late home on Summer street and was largely attended. The pall bearers were: Messrs. Thomas O'Hare, Thomas Shea, John Meehan, Hugh O'Brien, John Maguire and Patrick Surrigan. Interment was in the Catholic cemetery.

Among the floral offerings were: A cross of roses inscribed "At rest" from her sisters, Margaret and Bridget Ward; a pillow from Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Kearney, and a spray of roses from Mrs. Blackburn.

Mrs. Kyerce was a well known member of St. Peter's parish and her death caused a feeling of profound sympathy and sorrow to her many friends and acquaintances.

DINNER AN PARKER'S

By Mrs. Greenhalge With Many Prominent Guests Present.

Mrs. Frederick T. Greenhalge, wife of governor, gave a delightful New Year's dinner at the Parker House yesterday.

Seated at the tables were Governor and Mrs. Greenhalge, Colonel Woodruff, Second Artillery, U. S. A., Fort Warren; General Samuel Dalton, commanding Massachusetts volunteer militia; Private Secretary Thomas and Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. James Nesmith, Mrs. W. H. McDaniels, Col. Parker, Col. Walsh and many other prominent people. It was a delightful affair in which Mrs. Greenhalge again signalized herself as an entertainer.

POLICE COURT.

Hadley, J.

Five drunks.

Richard Condon and John Murphy were sentenced each to six months in the state farm.

Polle Hamlin, a young Frenchman stole a fancy cape from E. Golden's store and pawned it. He was sent to jail for 10 months.

State Detective Whitney is after physicians who have not registered and coming to Lowell he summoned a well known physician in court for advertising as a physician and using the "M. D." without having been duly registered. He pleaded not guilty and was continued in $100 until Jan. 13.

Woman's Relief Corps.

The Woman's Relief corps of Post 120 installed the following officers yesterday afternoon: President, Mrs. Mary E. Offutt; senior vice, Mrs. Mary E. Smith; junior vice, Mrs. Lestina E. Parker; treasurer, Mrs. Annie E. Tuttle; chaplain, Mrs. Electa R. Titcomb; conductor, Mrs. Catherine Robbins; guard, Miss Lou Titcomb; secretary, Mrs. Hattie E. Whitney; assistant conductor, Mrs. Elizabeth Dexter; assistant guard, Miss Alice Fullerton.

Massachusetts Mutual Aid society, I. O. G. T., met in Boston yesterday with many Lowell members in attendance.

"Pins" said the boy, "have saved lots of lives by not being swallowed;" bad fitting shirts have saved many a man's temper by not being worn.

For two years now, every one who's used our Star shirts have expressed unqualified satisfaction with the fit and goodness of the garments.

They're made in all ways, for business or dress, have five sleeve lengths to a neck size, and are always uniform. Cost no more than any decent shirt.

PUTNAM & SON,

166 Central Street.

Lowell.

THOSE FREE LECTURES

Fully Explaining French In Five Weeks.

Will be at the Swan building at 4.30 and 7.30 today and should be attended by all interested. Prof. Dodge will show many features regarding the acquirement of language that apply to other things with advantage and profit.

New "Orders" Growing.

Last evening a delegation from Crystal lodge of Haverhill visited this city and installed the officers of Elgin lodge, New England Order of Protection. The exercises were held in Highland hall.

Besides the members of Elgin lodge visitors were present from Lawrence and Haverhill and Neptune and Echo lodges of this city were represented.

Supper followed the other exercises. Mrs. Hattie Burrows, Mrs. Carrie Buxton and J. E. McIntosh were the committee of arrangements.

Do You Get

20 pounds of granulated sugar for $1 where your trade? We give 20 pounds to our customers. See our windows for bargains this week. The U. S. Tea Co., 83 Prescott street.

The United Order of Pilgrim Fathers held a box party last evening at the residence of Henry K. Prince, 404 Bridge street. Mr. Prince made a good auctioneer and made the customers bid lively for the boxes. A musical and literary program was rendered.

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England is venting her spleen on the Transvaal, and out there she is confronted by Germany.

It now appears that the First Congregational church will drive out the deacons instead of the pastor.

The Venezuelan commission appointed by President Cleveland commands universal respect. Its report will show whether England's claims are just.

Undoubtedly the ladies who conducted the newsboys' dinner are more than ever impressed with the impetuosity of the inevitable small boy as he is found on the streets of Lowell.

It is in a measure encouraging to find that already there is a good sized revolt against the A. P. A. association in the legislature. It will grow rather than diminish during the year.

Between Tennyson and Austin, the new poet, Laureate, of England, there is no room for comparison. The Laureate's crown will not infuse the divine afflatus into the heart of a rhymster.

Officer Boyle deserves credit for his fast running and successful arrest of two men who had shot another on the street and run away. It was an arrest such as has rarely been made in Lowell.

Governor Morton of New York is out as a presidential candidate. The republicans imagine that he could carry the Empire state but although he did so last year he will never be able to do it again.

The republican councilmen elect took an oath not to divulge the doings of their caucus. The councilmen of last year took an oath to serve this city's interests and to do the city's business but did they do it?

The storm of last week blew down one of the large show signs. But several others have been since erected. It is a good plan to make a show of popularity by erecting such bills all over the city in lieu of tickets. When a theatrical company makes an engagement with a house billed in this way it can usually count upon half the house being dead head.

Within ten days more there will be a general election in Manitoba. The result will show the sentiment in regard to the school trouble now pending. The dominion government is firmly in favor of the Catholic position and the question now is whether the new ministry will do its bidding. It is now generally conceded that a peaceful and satisfactory solution will be reached so that all danger of prolonged controversy will be averted.

God save the Queen.—Boston Standard.

A timely petition this, in view of the circumstances.—Haverhill Gazette.

The editor of the Gazette should not forget that the Boston Standard and all other organs of the A. P. A. exist to oppose the enemies of England, to oppose home rule for Ireland. The secret service money formerly spent in ferreting out Irish revolutionary societies in this country is now turned over to the A. P. A. leaders and doubtless some of the vile organs are also subsidized by England.

THE GOVERNOR'S INAUGURAL.

Governor Greenhalge's recommendation in favor of the state inspection of public schools would tend to secure general and continued excellence and to drive out drones and hobbyists. It is an undoubted fact that superintendents of schools find many schools below the standard of proficiency, many teachers who waste time on fads and hobbies, and yet fail to correct them for the reason that the corrective power placed in their hands is very limited and dangerous. They can do very little corrective work without incurring the enmity of some official who has a voice in their election. State inspectors would be free from such restraints and would therefore do their duty fearlessly.

Beyond this and his suggestion for stricter naturalization laws the inaugural has little of general importance.

FAMOUS COMMON COUNCIL

OF THE PAST YEAR AND ITS RECORD.

Review of the Political Contests of the Past Year.

Next Monday morning when the common council of 1896 is inducted into office it will be to succeed a council whose history if ever compiled will make most interesting reading.

Through the instrumentality of this body and the scheming devices of the republican members the city of Lowell has figured prominently in the courts during the year and has attained a notoriety not creditable to the city itself and certainly not to the officials who took the solemn oath last January to serve the city's best interests.

A glance at the year's happenings in the council chamber reveals a regrettable state of affairs, as viewed from a democratic standpoint.

With the exit of Messrs. Sparks and O'Connell it was predicted that "Cuckooism" and "Cuckoo" domination were at an end. It required but seven months persuasion, however, to nurse another bird of the detested flock in the person of Delehanty from old Ward three.

Few people expected that Patrick Delehanty the man who from his public utterances previous to his election, made it appear that his main object in entering the councilmanic contest was to defeat Thomas J. Sparks, would be the very one to step into Mr. Sparks' political shoes and through his traitorous acts to sacrifice the best interests of his own people. That the perfidy of Mr. Delehanty operated to the detriment of the democratic party is an acknowledged fact. That it has a tendency to arouse an antagonistic feeling against young men who seek political honors is likewise true. Mr. Delehanty made a mistake and he will realize it more keenly as time rolls on.

The election of John E. Sullivan as president of the council, which took place on Feb. 5, and his subsequent removal on May 21, by order of the court, will rank among the greatest political happenings in the history of our city council. His removal left the council unorganized and many thought it would have so remained throughout the year.

But on June 25, Mr. Goward broke the deadlock by voting for Mr. Curtig for president.

Republicans condemned Mr. Goward's action, while democrats praised it.

Then bills which had accumulated during the first six months of the year amounting to immense sums of money, were passed over the city treasurer's counters.

The republicans had long sought in vain to demoralize the democratic phalanx.

At one of the July meetings James Dacey was chosen superintendent of streets by the common council to succeed Robert E. Crowley.

Then the trading commenced.

On August 2, to save Supt. Crowley a number of democratic councilmen sacrificed City Clerk Dowd, City Treasurer Harrington and City Solicitor Hogan.

The backbone of the administration was broken, and it required but meagre force to remove the remaining democrats. Supt. Crowley remained, and the control of affairs in his department virtually passed into the hands of Alderman Varnum and Pierre A. Brosseau, both republicans.

Mr. Delehanty failed to accomplish what he sought and his friend, Mr. Dacey, for whom he took such a blundering step, is not yet a city official, nor will he be in the near future.

It is worthy to note that the leaders in the movement to retain Supt. Crowley at the expense of several other officials, did not dare to seek re-election.

Delehantyism asserted itself again on Nov. 12, when one of the most competent city officials, Supt. Bray, was removed from the lands and buildings department, which passed into the control of Charles F. Varnum.

The year's events in the city council were characterized by one of the greatest political robberies our citizens have ever known. The provisions of this measure are too well known to be recited here.

Had not Delehanty betrayed his party the democrats could have held the fort throughout the year. As it is he goes down into obscurity as the worst "cuckoo" that Ward three ever produced. Furthermore, the other councilmen who deserted the democratic officials find their political career ended.

Going Too Far.

"This here 'new woman' business is gittin to be too durn serious for a joke," said Uncle Hiram solemnly.

"What's the matter now?" asked his nephew.

"Waal, I was down sorter lookin over the tough part o' your durn city, an a woman ran out of a house an grabbed my ole hat."

"Oh, that's an old trick. Did you follow her?"

"Not much I didn't."

"That was lucky for you."

"I sorter reckoned that if she got this here 'new woman' fever so bad as all that," explained Uncle Hiram, "she could have the ole hat an welcome, an I hollered arter her that if she'd give me her address I'd ship her down a pair of overalls when I get back to the farm."—Chicago Post.

An Inducement to Longevity.

"Why zees distress?" asked the count's faithful friend.

"Sacre!" screamed the nobleman. "The dot I was to get—the two million dollaire?"

"Does he then it refuse to pay?"

"He says he shall pay, but the pig of an idiot say he shall pay in what he call the constallment plan—at five dollaire a week!"—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Tempus Fugit.

Alas, how fast time flies!
What changes does it make!
Fair Laura now denies
What once I'd boldly take.

Some fifteen years ago.
When she was only four,
I'd like to have you know
I kissed her o'er and o'er.

Sometimes the kiss was free,
Sometimes she'd not comply,
But dimes would e'er for me
The pleasing favor buy.

What makes time change us so?
I saw the maid tonight.
Yet she'd refuse, I know,
What once was her delight.

And dollars would not buy
What dimes have often bought—
Nay, more, she'd now descry
An insult in the thought.

Yet now I've older grown
And favors would elate
Which I could not, I own,
Before appreciate.

—Chicago Post.

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FIREWORKS EXPLODED.

Five Persons Killed and Many Injured In a St. Louis Fire.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 3.—Five persons were killed, one fatally injured, four more missing and 31 received injuries more or less serious as the result of an explosion that occurred yesterday afternoon at 309 North Second street.

Everybody for blocks around Second, Third, Locust and Olive streets was startled by a series of three explosions that demolished the building at 309 Second street, in which it occurred, badly damaging adjoining property and shattering thousands of panes of glass in the vicinity. The building occupied by the Anchor Peanut company and H. B. Grubb, agent of Dilwiller & Street, of Greenfield, N. J., was set on fire in some manner. The flames, which started on the first floor, communicated to a quantity of fireworks on the second floor, owned by Grubb. These exploded with terrific force, throwing burning brands, bricks and debris in every direction.

The concussion had rent the walls adjoining the Levison & Blythe Mucilage and Ink Manufacturing company and the Excelsior Wire and Iron Manufacturing company, and the flames soon communicated to these two buildings, in which a considerable number of men and boys were at work. Three alarms were sent in. The whole down-town fire department responded, and the work of rescuing the injured was performed in a courageous manner by the police and firemen.

The firemen searched every foot of the ground for the bodies of the four missing men, but were unable to find any. The missing, it is thought, may have escaped and neglected to report their safety.

Cannot Get Bail.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 3.—Mrs. Davidson was arraigned yesterday on the charge of blackmailing Rev. Dr. C. O. Brown. Neither Dr. Brown, nor Miss Overman, whose name is connected with that of the clergyman, was present during the brief proceedings. As the prosecution announced that one of its important witnesses, Mr. Tunnel, could not be found, the case went over. Mrs. Davidson has relinquished all her hope of obtaining bail. She says she will devote her time to religious work among the prisoners.

Many Liquor Sellers Fined.

MILFORD, N. H., Jan. 3.—The victims of Wednesday's liquor raids were before Trial Justice Keyes yesterday. Moses Billanger, Gustave Doucet and Louis Dupont of Greenwich paid $83 each in fines; Joseph Silver, Jr., of New Ipswich, $22; John Boyes, M. P. Stanton, W. W. Heath and Hannah Brennan of Wilton, $18.93; Thomas Garrity and Cyrus Burke of Milford, $17.94 each. Ex-Governor Goodell was complainant in each case.

Sentenced For Robbery.

FALL RIVER, Mass., Jan. 3.—Frank Ryan, an actor, was sentenced to a year in the house of correction yesterday for robbing John W. Murphy on board the steamer Plymouth. Ryan was drunk in the barroom. Murphy entered, and after a short conversation Ryan pulled a revolver and held it under Murphy's nose while he took a stick-pin out of his tie. The pin was valued at $20, and Ryan refused to give it up.

APPEAL TO CLEVELAND

To Save the Country From What The World Terms a Scandal.

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—The World today says: To you, Mr. Cleveland, The World appeals. It asks you to save the country from the mischief, the wrong and the scandal of the pending bond deal with the Morgan syndicate.

It is not yet too late to repudiate the whole transaction, and its rejection will be the greatest act of your life. It will give you more of prestige than any other, more of honor and more of gratitude of your countrymen. The World now offers to head the list with a subscription of $1,000.00 on its own account. It will take that amount of 3 per cent bonds, or it will take $1,000,000 of 4 per cents on a 3 per cent basis, namely, at about 117, and it will promptly find and furnish the gold with which to pay for them.

The whole country would respond with like alacrity. It would not require a week, it would hardly require a day, to sell $50,000,000 of bonds to the people at a fair price. Why sell them to a syndicate at an unfair price and with a secrecy which excites suspicion and distrust?

Why should you not appeal to the patriotism of the rich, as in case of war a call to arms would appeal to the patriotism of poor and rich alike? Why should you invite a great national scandal, where you can as easily invoke a great national demonstration of devotion to the welfare of the country?

Now is your time, Mr. Cleveland, to make war. Make war on fraud and wrong. Make war upon the usurpations of speculative wealth. In this matter lies real peril to the interests of our institutions, and you have recently professed your readiness to go to war in their defense at all costs and all hazards. Will you rise to the occasion? Are you equal to your opportunity?

Murdered Haswell.

PROVIDENCE, Jan. 3.—Martin Dalton was found guilty by the jury of the murder of Anthony S. Haswell. Sentence was deferred under the law.

The Usefulness of Slang.

"Are you getting good returns from your business?" asked the young woman's father.

"They're out of sight!" replied the young man ambiguously.

And as the old man thought the young man was only talking slang he got the girl.—Somerville Journal.

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Ten Per Cent For Salvage.

There is a street boy who hangs about the corner of Wisconsin and East Water streets who is evidently quick to see and seize an opportunity. Just before the recent blizzard the wind whisked off an old gentleman's fine silk hat and sent it merrily bowling up Wisconsin street.

"Here, boy," he called out, "get my hat for me!"

"What are you offerin?" inquired the boy.

"Get my hat quick, and I'll give you a dime."

"What's it worth?" asked the boy.

"Seven fifty. Why! Come, get a move on you. It's a brand new hat, and I've only just bought it. Hurry, now, and I'll make it a quarter."

"I guess not," replied the boy placidly, turning away. "I ain't in the business of furnishin gents wi' $7.50 silk hats for a quarter. Gimme 10 per cent for salvage, boss, and away I go. Do I get it?"

The old gentleman gazed at him for a moment in helpless astonishment and then nodded consent, and the boy whooped after the hat and brought it back in triumph. There's a great future before that boy.—Milwaukee News.

They Were Overcome.

He was reading a newspaper in a Broadway car. After awhile he folded it up and said to the man on his left:

"Do you think that the principles of gravitation will ever be overcome so as to enable any sort of a machine to fly?"

"No, sir!" was the brusque answer.

"But why not?"

"No need of it."

"Do you understand the laws of gravity?"

"I do, sir. Plainest thing in the world, sir. All a street car nuisance has to do is to go out on the platform and step out into space. Gravity will land him on the earth. Try it, sir—try it."

The inquiring man looked at him with sorrow expressed on every line of his face, and then turned away and took a seat at the other end of the car.—Detroit Free Press.

That Word.

Mrs. Querrel sat looking into the fire. presently she chuckled a little bit.

"What are you giggling at?" kindly inquired Mr. Querrel.

"I was thinking of the time when you proposed. You told me to say the one little word that would make you happy for life."

"Yes; I remember. And you went and said the wrong word."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

She May Be Needed.

Blobbs—Miss Oldgirl would make a good soldier.

Slobbs—Used to powder, eh?

Blobbs—Yes, and never deserts her colors.—Philadelphia Record.

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WANT THE FACTS

The Venezuelan Commission will Work Logically.

UNCLE SAM STANDS NEUTRAL IN WOTR.

Commission Master of Its Own Acts.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—The present expectation is that the first meeting of the Venezuelan boundary commission, will be held at the state department next Saturday. All the members of the body, with the exception of Commissioner White, have signified their ability to be here at that time. The latter will not reach the city before Tuesday, and there is a possibility the first meeting may be deferred until that day, though this is not likely.

There are a number of questions arising in connection with the work of the body, such as the selection of quarters, etc., beside other preliminary matters not affecting vitally the questions at issue, that can be passed upon by the majority of the commissioners.

The members have not yet received their commissions, and hence it is not positively known who will be the chairman, although the presumption is that Justice Brewer, having been the first named, will have that honor. Justice Brewer has heretofore met his fellow-commissioners, and he is anxious that the work which the commission was appointed to perform be commenced at as early a date as practicable.

What needs to be determined first by the commission, the justice thinks, is a distinct and definite understanding of just what facts are desired, and the body can then go ahead and perform its work systematically. He realizes what an effect on the public mind the conclusions reached by the commissioners will have, what their significance will be and how they must carry conviction. The investigation, he says, must be a thorough one or none at all.

Justice Brewer called on President Cleveland yesterday and thanked him for the honor conferred upon him. Mr. Brewer also had a short talk with Secretary Olney.

An Independent Body.

It is authoritatively stated on behalf of the administration that the Venezuelan commission will be absolute master of its own procedure, fixing the time and place of its meetings, and determining for itself whether or not it shall visit foreign countries, what class of evidence may be taken and how interested governments may be represented before the tribunal.

This independence of action is deemed necessary to secure to the commission's findings that degree of weight and respect among other nations that can be attained only through a knowledge that the body is free from any restraint or obligation to the United States government which has created it. Our government will occupy the status of an exact neutral in the proceedings. The state department will lend such assistance as may be required to facilitate the work of the commission in procuring transportation for it on a United States warship, if that is desired, and in supplying any records in its possession that may be called for.

But while it will not allow itself to be placed in the position of taking sides as to the merits of the controversy between Great Britain and Venezuela, it will not undertake to present the Venezuela case, nor will it even endeavor to offset any evidence that leads toward the British contention. Therefore the various suggestions that have been made to the department by individuals in this country as to where evidence can be secured have been ignored. Such matter is regarded as proper for the consideration of the commission, but is not for the state department.

State Department's Consistent Action.

It is pointed out that on this attitude the department is exactly consistent with its course in the past. From the beginning of the negotiations with Great Britain touching the Venezuelan boundary, the United States government has especially refrained from committing itself to a recognition of the justice of Venezuela's claim, and has limited itself strictly to the contention that this was proper matter for settlement by arbitration.

Moreover, the attitude which the department has assumed toward the commission itself is regarded as a sufficient negative to the assumption in Europe that the United States government purposed constituting itself the arbitrator in this dispute, for the commission will be as independent of the United States government as it will be of any other government.

The personnel of the commission is commended by members of the house who take particular interest in international matters, regardless of party affiliation. The gentlemen selected were considered entirely competent to conduct what the president in his message expressed a wish for—a judicial examination of the evidence relating to the boundary.

It was also pointed out that while several members of the commission have participated in politics, they cannot be considered strong partisans at this time; so that so far as our domestic affairs are concerned, they would not be likely to enter upon their work with any party ends to serve.

A Parallel Case.

In speaking of the Venezuelan question, an authority upon international affairs pointed out that the present hostilities in the Transvaal furnished a direct and most opportune parallel to the South American dispute.

The note of the German government to Great Britain, requesting an explanation of Jameson's expedition into the Boers' territory, and protesting against it, he thought, would tend to fortify the arguments of the United States in justification of its action regarding the Venezuelan boundary.

The conditions of the two cases are not unlike. The Transvaal is nominally an independent republic, and Germany does not claim to maintain a protectorate over it any more than the United States does over Venezuela, yet Germany assumes a right to interfere to check British aggressions.

Nor can the German government claim that its own safety is in any way menaced by any steps the English might take against the Boers. It can only assert a right to interfere on the ground that its interests are involved, which is thought by many to be the only tenable ground upon which this government can base its right to be considered a party to the dispute between Venezuela and a British dependency.

There is no doubt that proceedings in the Transvaal will have an interest for this government, which they otherwise would not, because of their possible application to the Venezuelan boundary correspondence.

Premier's Changeable Mind.

A letter addressed by Lord Granville, the then British foreign minister, to the representative of the Venezuelan government, acquiescing in the suggestion already made by that representative for including in a pending treaty a clause providing for the arbitration of any and all differences between the two governments, is made public. This letter proves the statement made by the London Chronicle to the effect that Earl Granville had virtually concluded a treaty with Venezuela in 1885, containing an arbitration clause that covered the Venezuelan boundary dispute. It is now claimed that there is a wide discrepancy between Lord Salisbury's interpretation of Earl Granville's agreement as covering the arbitration of the boundary dispute and his recent notes to Secretary Olney upon the same subject.

Worthy of Careful Consideration.

A dispatch from London states that The Chronicle prints this morning the official correspondence, hitherto unpublished, between the governments of Great Britain and Venezuela during the period between November, 1840, when Sir Robert Schomburgk was appointed commissioner by the British government to survey the western territory of British Guiana, and April, 1842, when England finally removed the boundary posts which he had set at various points in that territory to form the so-called Schomburgk line.

It appears from this correspondence that on Oct. 5, 1841, Senor Fortique, Venezuelan minister to London, wrote to Lord Aberdeen, secretary of state for foreign affairs, expressing surprise at the erection of a British sentry box upon Venezuelan territory, and urging the necessity of entering upon a treaty of boundaries as a previous step to the fixation of limits.

Lord Aberdeen replied to this on Oct. 21, saying that he had received Mr. Robert Schomburgk's report. "It appears," Lord Aberdeen continued, "that Mr. Robert Schomburgk planted the boundary posts at certain points in the country he surveyed, and that he was fully aware that the demarkation so made was merely a preliminary measure open to future discussion between the governments of Great Britain and Venezuela. But it does not appear that Mr. Schomburgk left behind any guardhouse or sentry box or building bearing the British flag."

In conclusion, after discussing the details of the correspondence, The Chronicle's commissioner says: "If the foregoing documents are genuine, and their source excludes any suspicion to the contrary, then the Schomburgk line is proved worthless as a basis for any territorial claim."

Britishers Not Posted.

LONDON, Jan. 3.—The Times, in an editorial, comments rather severely upon the presence of Frederick R. Coudert on the Venezuelan commission, and notes the fact that, with one exception (Andrew D. White), the commissioners are unknown here.

Pillsbury Again.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 3.—The third sitting of the third round in the international chess tournament was played yesterday, the results being as follows: Pillsbury (black) beat Tschigorin in a Petroff after 30 moves. Lasker (white) and Steinitz drew a Ruy Lopez after 35 moves. The score: Pillsbury, won 6½, lost 2½; Lasker, won 5½, lost 3½; Steinitz, won 4½, lost 4½; Tschigorin, won 1½, lost 7½.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

The ice palace at Leadville, Colo., has opened.

Six persons were burned to death at Columbus, O.

Five hundred claims were jumped in the Cripple Creek district.

Donald Austin, chief of the Indian police at Sitka, was murdered.

Abijah D. Baker was killed by a train at Melrose Highlands, Mass.

The police have failed to locate Giraldo, who shot Guiseppi Volpi at Providence.

Twenty-eight citizens at Greenwood, S. C., were arrested for illegal liquor selling.

The sixth session of the seventh parliament of the Dominion of Canada was opened.

Schooner Carlotta, previously ashore near Tuckernuck, Nantucket, Mass., was taken off.

Nathaniel Jenness of Lebanon Centre, Me., was instantly killed by a train at Rochester, N. H.

The legislative committee appointed to investigate Pittsburg's municipal affairs has begun its work.

Deacon A. P. Winslow, for many years paymaster of the Androscoggin mills, Lewington, Me., is dead, aged 70.

John Knapp of Bradley, aged 45 years, shot himself at Oldtown, Me., and died soon after. He was sick and despondent.

The first state dinner of the season at the White House—that to the cabinet—was given by the President and Mrs. Cleveland last night.

Arrangements have been perfected for a series of relay races in which the leading eastern colleges will take part at Philadelphia on April 25 next.

Frank Hemmington, aged 22, a brakeman, was fatally injured at Nashua, N. H., by being crushed between deadwood of two freight cars.

Rufus W. Peckham, the newly appointed associate judge of the supreme court, has arrived in Washington. He will be sworn into office next Monday.

At Salem, Mass., a boy named Nathaniel Brown was sentenced to the Lyman school for boys for breaking into the Advent church and stealing $20 from the mite box.

The battleship Texas has been ordered to proceed to the Norfolk navy yard, where the extensive changes recommended by the inspection board will probably be made.

A large part of the lower Pacific mills at Lawrence, Mass., shut down temporarily, owing to a break in the jack gear of the main wheel. Considerable damage was done in the wheel pit by the accident.

The schedules in the assignment of Howard K. Barras, whose failure was recently announced on the New York Stock Exchange, shows liabilities $155,293; nominal assets, $286,081; actual assets, $122,785.

Peregrine, the new schooner yacht for Ralph H. White of Boston, was slipped from the ways in the yard of the Bath (Me.) iron works, her builders, the christening ceremony being performed by Miss Eleanor Hyde.

Half the business section of West Palm Beach, Fla., was burned by a fire which started from a gasoline explosion. The loss on the buildings is estimated at $100,000, while the loss on the contents will add $30,000 more.

The Maine Republican state committee voted to hold two conventions. The first at Portland, April 9, when four delegates and four alternates will be elected to attend the St. Louis convention. The second to be held at Bangor, June 9, to nominate a candidate for governor.

JAMESON BEATEN

In a Battle For the Transvaal.

THE LOSS OF LIFE WAS VERY HEAVY.

The Boers Were Prepared For Invasion.

LONDON, Jan. 3.—Dr. Jameson, the administrator of the British Chartered South African company, who led a force of 500 armed men into the Transvaal, has been made a prisoner and his followers have surrendered. The loss of life is reported to be heavy.

PRESIDENT KRUGER.

The colonial office publishes the following telegrams from Sir Hercules Robinson, governor of Cape Colony, to Colonial Secretary Chamberlain, which are dated Jan. 3:

A messenger overtook Dr. Jameson 10 miles the other side of Elans river. He has brought back a verbal message to the effect that the dispatches have been received and will be attended to. The forces were then saddling up, and immediately proceeded eastward into the Transvaal. Dr. Jameson thus received and disregarded my message. Sir Jacobus DeWot (British agent in Transvaal) telegraphs that the fighting commenced at 4 o'clock yesterday. He was unable to obtain details from General Joubert (commander of the Transvaal forces) last evening, and had heard nothing beyond rumors.

South African Company's Forces Routed.

The Cape Times has a telegram from Pretoria, the capital of Transvaal, received there from Krugersdorf, that there had been hard fighting, the forces of the Chartered South African company suffering heavily.

A second cablegram has been received from Sir Hercules Robinson, which says: The British agent at Pretoria telegraphs under date of Jan. 2: I have just seen General Joubert, and he says that, as far as he knows, Dr. Jameson has been driven out of several positions. The burghers have 25 of their wounded as prisoners, including three officers, and five corpses have been buried by the burghers. The fighting is still proceeding. No force has yet left Johannesburg to assist Dr. Jameson.

The government has information that further forces of the Chartered South African company are mobilizing to enter the Transvaal, and the Kaffir commander within the Transvaal on the Bechuanaland border of the Free State is ready to assist the Transvaal, if required.

Jameson is surrounded by a large force near to Krugersdorf. The railway between Krugersdorf and Johannesburg has been broken up. The acting president of the Free State telegraphs me that 1600 burghers have been commanded to take up a position 16 miles this side of the Vaal river.

A third cable from Sir Hercules Robinson forwards a dispatch from the British agent at Pretoria, stating that Dr. Jameson's forces have surrendered.

Colonial Secretary Chamberlain, in reply, has cabled to Governor Robinson his regret that Dr. Jameson's disobedience has led to this deplorable loss of life, and to do his best to secure generous treatment of the prisoners and care of the wounded, and to telegraph the names of the killed and wounded.

In an interview, Montague White, consul general of the Transvaal in England, declares that the Uitlanders in Johannesburg never raised a finger to help Dr. Jameson. The Boers, he said, would treat Dr. Jameson's followers with generosity, but Dr. Jameson himself would receive a fair trial and the punishment his crime merited.

Newspaper Comment.

The Berlin correspondent of The Standard quotes The National Zeitung as follows, in commenting upon England's action in stirring up strife in Armenia, Africa and elsewhere: This procedure requires to be put a stop to by Europe, with which the United States will not unwillingly co-operate. The other German newspapers sternly condemn Dr. Jameson's action.

The Times, in a special article, assumes that the fighting was an accidental skirmish, and that Dr. Jameson's surrender was entirely voluntary. It is difficult to believe, says The Times, that he could not have made a better stand, had he wished to do otherwise than preserve his men in the character of a police force.

The Daily News says in an editorial: It is a serious question whether the Chartered South African company should not be deprived of its charter.

School Question Brought Up.

OTTAWA, Jan. 3.—The opening of parliament yesterday was purely formal. The speech from the throne briefly mentioned the question of passing a federal law re-establishing separate schools in Manitoba, his excellency stating that Premier Greenway of Manitoba had declined to do anything to provide for the re-establishment of separate schools when called upon to do so by the Dominion government, and that the federal parliament would be asked to pass a bill to that end.

Shorter Hours and More Pay.

LYNN, Mass., Jan. 3.—The Lynn and Boston Street Railway Employes' union this morning considered the new agreement governing wages and hours of employes of the road, which will be submitted to the management. The shortening of hours for conductors and motormen by taking off one trip Sunday and an increase of 25 cents on a 10-hour day are asked.

Double Drowning Accident.

WORCESTER, Mass., Jan. 3.—Edward M. Stanton, 15, and Alfred P. Shepard, 12, were drowned in a small pond in Sutton Grove while skating yesterday. The Shepard boy broke through the ice and Stanton went to his assistance, and was dragged down by Shepard.

FROM OUR 5 O'CLOCK EDITION Of Yesterday.

HORRIBLE CRIME

Little Girl Roasted Almost to Death.

CRIME COMMITTED BY TWO YOUNG BOYS.

The Boys Have Not Yet Been Captured.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

MILFORD, Mass., Jan. 2.—The most horrible crime known here in years was perpetrated today shortly before noon.

Two small boys who were playing in East Main street in the Church Hill district were the perpetrators and a six year old girl, Maria Giranni, is the victim.

The only witness to the affair is an Italian whose name is unknown.

The two boys, it appears, started a brush fire which though large was not particularly dangerous. While it was burning the Gifanni girl came along to watch the fire burn.

Suddenly the two lads caught her and threw her into the burning brush.

Her screams attracted the Italian who heroically brought her from the flames, receiving some burns on the hands.

The child was so badly burned about the body that her flesh from the heels to the waist dropped off in pieces.

The doctors say her death is but a question of hours.

The boys fled upon seeing what they had done, but it is thought they will be caught before night.

HOT FROM THE WIRE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Chairman Dingley of the ways and means committee today appointed H. M. Lord of Rockland, Me., clerk of the committee and E. J. Merrill assistant clerk.

Albert Clement, a popular young lawyer of Nyac, N. Y., sucided today.

A. D. Baker, an aged and respected citizen of Melrose was struck and killed by a train at Melrose Highlands this morning.

The Duke and Duchess of Marlborough will sail from Naples to Egypt, Saturday.

The report that the Duchess had typhoid fever is discredited.

Another street railroad strike is threatened in Philadelphia.

Two of the band of counterfeiters, known as the Yenuda brotherhood, were today sentenced in Philadelphia to pay a fine of $1000 and five years in jail.

At Columbus O., today a fire in the residence of John A. Hibbard caused the deaths of Mr. and Mrs. Hibbard, their two children and Mr. Hibbard's two sisters.

Martin Dalton tried for the murder of of G. S. Haswell was found guilty of murder in the first degree today in Providence R. I.

LOCAL NOTES.

The Manchester Unity Odd Fellows had an entertainment and hop last night.

The water board last night awarded a contract of 500 tons of iron pipe to R. D. Wood of Philadelphia.

The newly elected officers of Post 185 were installed last night by Past Commander Peabody. A campfire followed the installation.

With their last pay the Kitson machine shop employes received a premium of 14 per cent. for 7 extra machines turned out during the month.

The reception to Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Jacques at the Branch street Tabernacle last evening was a happy and well attended affair. Mr. Jacques was for seven years superintendent of the Sunday school and the young people turned out in force. Mr. and Mrs. Jacques begin an evangelistic tour shortly which is to precede a missionary trip to India.

Fred D. Hallowell and Miss Mattie F. Kennedy were married last evening at St. Paul's parsonage by the Rev. Mr. Stratton. Miss Etta Chapman was bridesmaid and Mr. Frank W. Dayton, best man. After the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride, 26 Greenwood Mr. and Mrs. Hallowell have the best wishes of a host of friends.

Officers of the Lowell Grocers' association have been elected for the fourteenth year of the society as follows: President, Wm. W. Richardson; vice presidents, A. D. Puffer, J. B. Richardson, P. P. Stiles, J. D. Hartwell, C. K. Russell and Daniel Stickney; secretary, John Stiles; treasurer, H. T. Goodell; directors, Horace Ela, John T. Seede, F. D. Munn, Jr., M. A. Taylor, D. R. Boynton and W. H. Brown.

"The Dugans" Entertained.

Thomas F. Maguire entertained the "Dugans" in royal style last evening. The guests were regaled by musical exercises and a splendid supper provided by Mrs. Maguire, and passed a delightful evening.

Boston & Lowell Railroad.

The annual meeting of the Boston & Lowell railroad stockholders was held in Boston yesterday. The old board of directors was re-elected as follows: Frederick E. Clarke, Edwin Morey, Francis L. Higginson, Charles E. Cotting, T. Jefferson Coolidge, Walter C. Baylies, George A. Gardiner. There were 15,696 shares represented at the meeting. Mr. Clark was made president, Mr. Bartlett treasurer.

Car Broke Down.

One of the Wakefield and Reading cars broke down in front of the American house at an early hour this morning while conveying a special party from Billerica. The car was taken to the stable on one of the giant trucks.

Colored People's Concert.

The colored people who form the Booker T. Washington Literary society, held an anniversary entertainment and dance, commemorative of the emancipation proclamation in Urban hall, last evening. There were about 50 couples present including guests from Boston and other cities. A patriotic musical program was rendered.

Incendiary Fire Yesterday.

A cottage house at Riverside Park belonging to William Guyelle was totally destroyed by fire yesterday morning. Chief Hosmer sent three pieces of apparatus down there but they were of no use. It is thought the blaze was incendiary and Fire Marshal Stone will investigate.

MR. CORBIN'S GREAT IDEA

PLANNING TO FOUND A SEAPORT ON LONG ISLAND.

A Splendid Harbor Ready—Bill Has Been Presented to Congress—How It Would Connect With the Great Trunk Railroads.

A railway achievement which Mr. Flagler has, it is said, in view in southern Florida—the building of a railway along the coral reefs to Key West—suggests a somewhat similar feat of railway construction just completed by Mr. Austin Corbin. A glance at the map of Long Island shows at the eastern extremity two spits, or peninsulas, which extend from the main land far out into the ocean. Upon the southern peninsula Mr. Corbin has just caused to be completed an extension of his Long Island railway system. The tracks run for miles upon land which is really nothing more than a sand spit. The road terminates at a barren spot, which is nevertheless known to all mariners, because near by is the Montauk lifehouse.

Of course the building of a railway over such a barren waste as this would be a foolish business experiment unless the road was a means for carrying out an important purpose. What that purpose is in this case is indicated by a bill recently introduced by Senator Frye in the United States senate, which, if it becomes a law, will make a great basin, or harbor, which is the terminal of this railway, a free port of entry. Today nothing except this beautiful basin of deep water and the temporary structures which provide a terminal for the railway suggest the dream which has been in Mr. Corbin's mind for many years—the creation of an important seaport city there. The harbor is called Fort Pond. It is as safe, as deep and, in some respects, as beautiful a harbor as that of Queenstown. It has been from remote ages until within the past 50 years the fishing resort of Indians, whose descendents in small numbers still live in that vicinity.

This harbor is 114 miles from New York city, and when the free port is established there, which Mr. Corbin has no doubt congress will permit, then it is expected that a city will be developed speedily which will be conspicuous as the Atlantic terminus of a fleet line of ocean steamships whose terminus upon the other side of the ocean is to be at Milford Haven, in southwestern England. Mr. Corbin believes that by this bringing of American and English ports so near together it will be possible to cross the ocean in four days and a half, and if steamships of the capacity of the latest ocean greyhounds are put into that service no doubt his expectations will be justified.

But the establishment of an ocean steamship line whose vessels depart from Milford Haven and Fort Pond bay is only a part of the plan which Mr. Corbin and his associates contemplate. Before the beginning of the next century it is expected that a new bridge constructed on the cantalever principle will connect New York city and Brooklyn, and over this bridge the cars of the Long Island railway will pass and by viaduct be carried to connecting railway stations, both the Grand Central and that other one which is to be built for the New York terminus of the Hudson river bridge. When this is done, the Long Island railway will become an important link in any one of several trunk line systems which carry traffic to and from the far west. Of course the expectation is that with such conveniences as these, and with the advantage of rapid ocean transit, a profitable business will be created, both for the Long Island system and for the ocean steamship line.

But there are other important plans under consideration. A day or two ago a meeting of capitalists was held, whose purpose was to resume the work of a corporation which was created to reconstruct a tunnel under the East river and under the North river to the Jersey shore. That corporation was independent of any of Mr. Corbin's companies, although it is understood to be in sympathy with and dependent upon the development of his plan. It is really a renewal of a project which was much discussed some five years ago, and which was postponed after the business reversals which were caused by the Baring failure in London.

Some of the ablest civil engineers of the world were employed to make plans for a tunnel under the waters of New York harbor, connecting Long Island with Jersey City. They made soundings and spent many months in careful study, and at last were able to present a report. They said that it was entirely practicable to contruct a tunnel at a cost which would not be prohibitive, which would be a well lighted, thoroughly ventilated, always dry, subterranean and subaquatic highway, and they also said that the modern developments of electricity were such as to make it possible with it to light, heat and ventilate the tunnel so as to propel cars through it.

It is now thought that the first plan, which contemplated a tunnel under the East river, near Governors island, then underneath the lower end of New York city, thence under the Hudson to Jersey City, will be abandoned, and that advantage will be taken of the almost completed tunnel under the Hudson, which is now owned by English capital. That would necessitate constructing a tunnel under New York city, a little below Fourteenth street, and another under the East river. Recently it has been demonstrated that it is possible to tunnel under the East river without involving great cost or the solution of important engineering problems. Such a tunnel has been completed and is in daily use, although its only service is the providing of a way for carrying large gas mains from Brooklyn to New York. It is large enough, however, for men to walk easily through two or three abreast. Mr. Corbin is much interested in this project, not financially, but as an engineer and because he believes that ultimately such an underground highway will connect Long Island with New Jersey.—Holland in Philadelphia Press.

To Mark Joe Jefferson's Birthplace.

A bronze tablet has been placed upon the house of the southwest corner of Sixth and Spruce streets, Philadelphia, as a memorial of the fact that therein Joseph Jefferson, the actor, was born. Inscribed upon it are the words: "Joseph Jefferson, the actor, was born here 20th February, 1829. 'Here's your good health and your family's. May you all live long and prosper.'"

But Joshua Holds the Record.

Captain Bassett was the first man officially to lengthen time by turning back the hands of the senate clock in Washington. He did it for the first time March 4, 1844, by direction of Senator Wiley P. Mangam of North Carolina, then president of the senate pro tempore. This is history.—Boston Globe.

Freeman
Photographer, Hildreth Building.

New York CLOAK and Suit Co.
NO. 12 JOHN STREET.

DOWN! DOWN!
Go the Prices at our
Mammoth Annual
Clearance Sale

Every dollar's worth of Garments and Furs in our store reduced to a mere fraction of former prices.

Note the Bargains for This Week:

One lot 32-inch Jackets of Rough Cheviot Cloth, 1-2 lined with satin, regular price $9.50, for this sale only $3.95.

One lot Fancy Cloth Jackets, in tan checks and mixtures, box front, regular price $9.75, for this sale only $4.75.

60 Children's Gretchens with cape, sizes from 4 to 14 years, regular price $3.50, for this sale only 98c.

Jackets that have been $16.50, $19.50, $22.50 your choice $12.50.

COME! COME!!
GIVE A PERSON A SHOW.

That is Just what we are doing. We will give any customer that calls at our shoe store more for their money than they can get in any other shoe store. How do these prices suit you:

First we have a lot of Women's Congress and Lace Serge Boots, 25c.
A pair of Women's Felt Slippers, hand made, our own, 35c.
300 pairs of Women's Button Boots, slightly imperfect, 50c. a pair.
Misses' School Shoes, solid leather, warranted, 75c. Another lot 65c.
Men's Rubber Boots, best made, $2.50.
Men's Storm Rubbers, 75c.
Child's Rubber Boots, 75c. Remember the place.

William Wade
Two Doors Below the Old Post Office.

O'Donnell & Gilbride

Our Store will be closed Friday Evenings at 6 o'clock until further notice.

Our Special Half Price Sale of Manufacturers Samples of Muslin Underwear is a Great Attraction. Step in and See the Bargains.

TODAY
We Begin a Stupendous
MARKDOWN SALE
OF
WINTER UNDERWEAR
AND
HOSIERY
FOR
MEN, WOMEN and CHILDREN

This chance will not repeat itself for a long time to come. A very little money will supply your wants for a future winter. Make your little investment now and increase the saving of the future. A few sample bargains follow.

It will Pay you to see the Bargains We are Offering in Muslin Underwear. Step in Today or Tomorrow and Examine the Values.

FOR MEN.
25c. will buy Heavy Camel's Hair Shirts and Drawers, sold to date 49c.
39c. will buy Heavy Grey Shirts and Drawers, sold to date 69c.
49c. will buy Heavy Grey and White Wool Shirts and Drawers, sold to date 75c.
69c. will buy several odd lots of Shirts and Drawers, in extra heavy camel's hair, sold to date $1.00 and $1.25.
25c. will buy 2 pairs of Camel's Hair, Natural Wool and Cashmere Hose, sold to date 20c. a pair.

FOR WOMEN.
30c. will buy Ladies' Natural Wool Vests and Pants, warranted non-shrinking and sold to date 69c.
69c. will buy your choice of an odd lot of Vests and Pants, broken sizes, goods that sold to date $1.25.
17c. will buy Ladies' Fleece-lined Hose, high spliced heel and sold to date 39c.
23c. will buy Ladies' extra heavy fleece, double sole, fast black Hose, sold to date 49c.
49c. will buy Ladies' extra fine Cashmere Hose, high spliced heel, full fashioned, sold to date $1.00.

FOR CHILDREN.
25c. will buy Misses' Jersey Vests, extra quality, regular price 50c.
45c. will buy Boys' Heavy Fleeced Shirts and Drawers, sold to date 75c.
19c. will buy Boys' Heavy Ipswich Hose, sold to date 50c.
25c. will buy Misses' All-Wool Double Knee Hose, sold to date 50c.

Arrangements are perfected for placing this great stock on sale in convenient form this morning. Therefore you should come promptly.

O'Donnell & Gilbride

Today Only
Ladies' $1.25 bearer Congress and Lace Sewed Shoes, 75c.
EAGLE SHOE STORE
215 DUTTON STREET.
J. J. LONERGAN, Prop.

LOWELL AGENCY FOR
Frank Jones' Ale
AND THE CELEBRATED
ANHEUSER BUSCH BEER
The Trade and Families supplied at Lowest Prices. Orders by mail or telephone promptly attended to.
JOHN LENNON,
NO. 302 MARKET STREET
TELEPHONE—No. 88-2.

NEW MUSIC HALL
W. H. Boody, Manager.
SALAMBO & CLIVETTE'S
NEW WONDERS.
NEW! NOVEL! SPARKLING!
Prices: Evening, 50c., 35c., 25c., 20c., 15c., 10c.
Three Nights, Commencing Monday, January 6th. Matinee Wednesday.
Greatest Success of the Season,
Down on the Farm
A STORY OF LIFE
In New York State.
The Old Home Down on the Farm. The Picnic Scene. Great Scene of the Bowery, N. Y. The River of Real Water. The Empire City Quartette. Songs, Dances, Laughter, Pathos, Comedy.
Prices, 50, 35, 25, 20, 15 and 10c.

HEFFERNAN'S
Pure Malt Whiskey

A Medicinal Tonic and Stimulant
FOR THE OVERWORKED AND WEAK.
That "All Run Down" Feeling Positively CURED.
For Sale by all Druggists and Liquor Dealers.
SOLD ONLY IN BOTTLE.
Price, - - $1.00 Per Bottle

WM. B. SOLOMON, M. D.
(Eldest son of the late Dr. James M. Solomon, the Celebrated Specialist in Chronic Diseases) of Attleboro, Mass., Has Opened an Office in
Swan Building, Central, St., Lowell
Office Hours:—10 to 12 a.m., 2 to 5 & 7 to 9 p. m.

A New Invoice of
CHOICE FALL NOVELTIES
Arrived this week. Some exquisite selections of FRENCH FRAMES, fine Felts and Chenille Hats. We have been appointed agents for the ELITE and H. & S. FINE CORSETS and invite the ladies of Lowell to inspect our stock before purchasing.
ABBIE M. SMITH,
175 Merrimack Street, Lowell.
Mrs. M. E. Dudley, Assistant

The hum of the spindle gives life to Lowell as does the
SPINDLE CIGAR
give pleasure to the smoker. Ask for Spindle Cigar and take no other. HENRY FLOOD, Prop.

CO TO
GAVANAUGH & DISSAULT
FOR
Fine Custom Tailoring
42 CENTRAL STREET.

ENGLISH CAPITAL FOR AMERICAN INVESTMENTS.
Important to Americans seeking English capital for new enterprises. A list containing the names and addresses of 350 successful promoters who have placed over £100,000,000 sterling in foreign investments within the last six years, and over £13,000,000 for the seven months of 1895. Price £5 or $25, payable by Postal Order to The London and Universal Bureau of Investors, 20, Cheapside, London, E. C. Subscribers will be entitled, by arrangement with the directors to receive either personal or letters of introduction to any of these successful promoters.
The list is first class in every respect, and every man or firm whose name appears there in may be depended upon. For placing the following it will be found invaluable—Bonds or shares of Industrial Commercial, and Financial concerns, Mortgage Loans, Sale of Lands, Patents or Mines.
Directors—SIR EDWARD C. ROSS, HON. WALTER C. PEPYS, CAPT. ARTHUR STIFFE.
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Where is the Person
Man or woman, boy or girl, that does not like good, wholesome Bread? You may get along without many articles of food, but Bread you must always have, and when you stop and consider that the best costs no more than the poorest, why not get the best? You are always sure of the best in all kinds of Baking Supplies at
PETER WATSON'S
Bakeries, either at 52 to 60 Charles Street, or our new bakery, 465 Lawrence street.

BIRD'S ORIGINAL COUGH DROPS
Bird Brothers.
For Sale by All the Leading Druggists and Confectioners.

SUN WEATHER BULLETIN.

ALMANAC FOR FRIDAY, JAN. 3.

SUN RISES	7 14	MOON RISES	7 53 PM
SUN SETS	4 34	FULL SEA {	12 45 AM
LENGTH OF DAY	9 10	FULL SEA {	1 00 PM

Forecast for Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont: Threatening and cloudy weather, with light snow flurries; colder tonight; southwesterly, shifting to northwesterly, winds.

For Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut: Partly cloudy weather; colder tonight; southwesterly, shifting to northwesterly, winds.

LOCAL NEWS.

When in doubt, smoke Old Hundred.

T. C. Lee, fire insurance, Donovan bl'd.

The Lowell Wall Paper Co.; all styles; all prices, 18 Church street.

For Lackawana coal go to Rourke & Sullivan', 984 Gorham street.

There hasn't been much ice about this winter, but Harry Shaw managed to find enough on which to fall, breaking a small bone of his foot. He is out on a crutch.

Grand party at Town hall, North Chelmsford, this evening, by Mrs. N. A. Smith and boarders of Lowell. Cars leave Merrimack square every fifteen minutes, returning after the dance.

The fourteenth anniversary concert and ball of the Mathew Temperance institute occurs tonight and it promises to be a grand event. The affair will be held, as usual, in Huntington hall.

Mr. Thomas Talbot is contemplating building a magnificent statue at North Billerica, and Architect Stickney is sketching the plans for it. It promises to be an elaborate building of its kind.

At a meeting of the directors of the Traders' National bank of this city held yesterday (2d) a dividend of 2 per cent. was declared from the earnings of the past six months payable by check January 13th, to stockholders at the close of business January 2d, 1896.

There was a large attendance at the supper and entertainment of the Ladies' Improvement association in Odd Fellows hall last evening. The entertainment program included a song and dance by Miss Nettie Studley, violin solos by Mark Pease, songs by Mrs. C. W. Johnson, harp solos by Hugh McElroy and duets with the violin, recitations by Miss Genevieve Lawrence, songs by Miss Etta Rutherford, and cornet solos by Thomas Tanner.

Deers' Head on Exhibition.

Andrew Lynch has had mounted the heads of two fine deer and one large caribou which he shot in Maine a short time ago. These with the skin of the caribou form an attractive decoration in Elias McQuade's place on Market street.

Notre Dame academy reopened yesterday after the Christmas holidays. The monthly meeting of the Reading Circle next Sunday promises to be the most interesting since the organization of the society. The life and works of John Boyle O'Rielly will be the topic of discussion.

Presented a Gold Ring.

Mr. Thomas Linscott's friends visited him at his home, 7 Westford street, last evening and presented him a beautiful gold ring. The presentation speech was delivered by Ernest Corbett. During the evening there were singing and dancing, and a general good time.

Meeting of the Aldermen.

There will be an adjourned meeting of the board of aldermen tonight, and a hearing will be granted on the petition of the Lowell & Suburban Railway company for track locations.

The report of the special committee on salaries will also be before the meeting for action.

Waneta Club Party.

The Waneta club is making elaborate arrangements for its annual party which will be held in Associate hall, Thursday evening, Jan. 23. It will be remembered that the select party given by the club last winter was one of the most beautiful affairs of its kind held during the season. This year the members intend to excell their effort of last year. Invitations are already out. Mr. Henry L. Rourke will be floor marshal.

Work on the New Churches.

Work on St. Jean Baptiste church on Merrimack street is gradually nearing completion and when finished the edifice will be one of the prettiest and coslest churches in New England. Mr. Donovan, who is superintending the interior work, speaks very highly of the artistic plans being carried out.

St. Michael's church is also rapidly nearing completion. With these and St. Peter's finished, Lowell will have some of the handsomest Catholic churches in the arch-diocese.

THEATRICAL NEWS.

Music Hall.

The play Down on the Farm, is booked for Music hall. It is a comical production that always compels enthusiastic applause. See ad.

FOR THE BOARD OF HEALTH.

Drs. Harrington, Meigs and Savage Are Candidates.

The candidates for positions on the board of health are increasing.

It is said that Dr. Harrington has the lead in the contest for Dr. Field's place on the board.

Dr. J. V. Meigs and Dr. J. J. Savage are also willing to take the place if it comes their way.

At city hall it is believed that Mayor Courtney will reappoint James Bayles to the board. All appointments are of course, subject to confirmation by the aldermen.

POST-GARDINER CO. SOLD.

Concord and Manchester Company Controls It.

The Post-Gardiner Express company of this city has ended its existence.

The Concord and Manchester Express company has gained control of the old company and will operate it in this city as a branch of the main company.

The new deal went into effect New Year's day. Mr. Post has entered the employ of the new company as superintendent of the Lowell division.

Calendars.

We are giving away our new calendars with fire alarm on back to all callers. Dickson Bros., The Big Tea Dealers, 68 Merrimack street.

Bowling, Billards, Pool.

Tournaments and prizes at Les Miserables, East Merrimack street.

Dr. Coburn DENTIST 81 MERK ST.

Supremacy of The Merrimack Clothing Co.

Convincing proof that the people want the BEST CLOTHING, the kind we sell, and that they have bought it at the MERRIMACK. Here is food for reflection and study. The volume of Retail Clothing Business has been behind during the last six months of '95 compared with the same period of '94. Here is the situation as it is reported to three of the largest Wholesale Clothing Houses:

Now to show our success with the people

A SWEEPING REDUCTION SALE

Of Heavy weight Suits, Overcoats and Ulsters for Men and Boys is begun.

We don't advertise $13 Suits for $3. If we did, we should have been robbing them when we charged $13.

The depth and meaning of our Cut Prices can be best understood by the prices marked on the goods in our windows.

You Are the Judge

BOSTON, January 1, 1896.

MERRIMACK CLOTHING COMPANY, LOWELL, MASS.:

Gentlemen—In answer to your esteemed favor of this date, we would say that as far as we can learn from the trade journals of which we have inquired, the extreme mild weather this fall has depressed the trade for winter goods, particularly since the first day or November, and most dealers in winter clothing are behind in their sales for November and December, in comparison with the same months in 1894.

As to the coming season we are very hopeful for the spring business, from the fact of the general employment of labor in general mechanical pursuits.

Now that the war scare is over and the money market will soon right itself, we think there is good ground for the correctness of our views regarding the spring business, and we bespeak for you and your concern a full share of that continuous increase which your energy and enterprise justly entitles you to.

Very truly yours,
A. SCHUMAN & CO.

A prominent New York firm has written to the Merrimack company under date of Dec. 31 to say that the fall season has to most retailers been unsatisfactory and that the decrease in the volume of business done during the year has accordingly brought sales down to a smaller average for the year. The unseasonable weather is the reason this firm assigns for the decrease.

Under the same date as the last another New York house writes in a similar vein. "There has been a general falling off in business," the letter says, "quite contrary to our expectations early in the season. The unseasonable weather and the generally unsettled affairs of the country have made it impossible for the retailers to do the usual amount of business."

What the Merrimack Clothing Company Has Done.

Gained nearly 16 1-2 per cent. in their sales during the past six months. Here are the facts, the accuracy of which are vouched for by three of Lowell's best known citizens, viz: City Treasurer Coburn, representing the Courier-Citizen Company; ex-City Treasurer Harrington, representing the "Sun," and Frank J. Simonds, representing the "News."

LOWELL, Jan. 2, 1896.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

At the request of the management of the Merrimack Clothing company, the undersigned have this day made a careful examination of the sales book of said company, covering the months of July, August, September, October, November and December in the years 1894 and 1895, respectively, and we find that during the months named in 1895, there was an increase of sales over the amount of sales made in the corresponding months of 1894 of sixteen and forty-five one hundredths, (16.45 per cent.

CHAS. F. COBURN.
FRANK J. SIMONDS.
JOHN H. HARRINGTON.

A Shuman & Co.'s SUITS

An Attractive Feature of the SWEEPING REDUCTION SALE

Dressed with a new set of figures you will see them in our windows.

Overcoats

Of Black and Blue Kersey, when the sizes are broken are marked

Half Price

OVERCOATS

Of Blue Chinchella Are Labelled

$3.50

AND THE BOYS in PROPORTION

How It Was Done. We Started Right.

We brought the Best Made Ready-to-wear Clothing, a Shuman Co.'s, to Lowell, gave the people the benefit of every advantage cash would secure—had courteous and painstaking salesmen who made the interest of the customer their interest, and backed up every statement we made in our advertisements with goods and prices.

IT PAYS TO BE HONEST WITH THE PUBLIC.

THE BIG STORE **MERRIMACK CLOTHING CO.** OPP. CITY HALL

LOWELL.

A MIGHTY REDUCTION.

Gigantic $100,000 Clearance Sale

A BOLD SLASH OF WINTER GOODS.

MONY SAVING TIM TO BUYERS OF CLOTHING

SALE COMMENCES THURSDAY AT 9 O'CLOCK.

A reduction sale that means a loss to us, a corresponding gain to you. It is a much deplored necessity, but they are annual doses to clean out our stock and keep our system—of never carrying goods from one season to another season—in a good healthy condition.

DOWN COME THE PRICES.

Cut Prices

This mighty reduction sale will create the greatest stir.

MEN'S SUITS.

LOT 511—Men's black or blue Cheviot Suits, full winter weight, single or double breasted sacks, advertised by some dealers as a bargain at $8.00, our cut price is only $3.39

LOT 10,112—Men's dark mixed Cassimere Union Sack Suits, cut price only $3.98

LOT 4632—Men's heavy dark brown Union Cassimere Suits, sold in many stores for $10, our cut price only $4.48

LOT 4237—Men's dark steel mixed diagonal Cassimere Sack Suits, warranted all wool, worth $12, our cut price only $5.95

LOT 4757—Men's natty Scotch mixed Cheviot Sack Suits, warranted strictly all wool, sold in many stores at $13, our cut price only $6.49

LOT 4768—Men's heavy dark drab brown mixed Sack Suits, hard faced Cassimere, a great bargain, cut price only $7.95

LOT 4496—Men's heavy dark brown Scotch mixed Cheviot Sack Suits, regular $15 suits, cut price $9.95

LOT 2420—Men's heavy, blue, wide wale diagonal worsted suits, elegantly made and trimmed, worth $15, cut price $9.95

LOT 4516—Men's blue, rough, wide wale cheviot double-breasted Sack Suits, good value, at $15, cut price $9.95

LOT 9970—Men's heavy, fine, dark mixed, Fancy Worsted Suits, very neat and natty, well worth $22, cut price $13.95

LOT 4435—Men's heavy, imported, extra fine dark mixed Worsted Sack Suits, made by "jour" tailors, regular price $25, cut price $16.95

Cut Prices

No matter how cheap the bargains we advertise, they will stand investigation every time.

MEN'S OVERCOATS

LOT 4046—Men's Heavy Blue Chinchilla Overcoats, worth $7, cut price $3.19

LOT 9854—Men's Heavy Black Melton Overcoats, dressy garments, well made, worth $8.00, cut price $3.98

LOT 4778—Men's Heavy Blue or Black Beaver Overcoats, thoroughly well made, sold in many stores at $10.00 cut price $4.49

LOT 2753—Men's Fine Beaver Overcoats, blue or black, single or double breasted, worth $12.00, cut price $5.98

LOT 4999—Men's very fine all wool Kersey Overcoats, blue or black, worth $14.00, cut price $7.95

LOT 7579—Men's Fine Black Frieze Overcoats, very natty and dressy, old price $16.00, cut price $9.95

LOT 4696—Men's English Brown Kersey Overcoats, the latest shade out, old price $18.00, cut price $12.95

LOT 4775—Men's extra fine imported Black Kersey Overcoats, satin lined, old price $35.00, cut price $22.00

ULSTERS.

LOT 4427—Men's extra Heavy Frieze Ulsters; warm lining, cut extra long, wide collars, in blue, black, or oxford mixed, worth $8.00, cut price $4.95

LOT 4031—Men's Heavy Blue Chinchilla Ulsters, cut extra long, wide collars, worth $12.00, cut price $6.49

LOT 7547—Men's Heavy Irish Frieze Ulsters, black or blue, or Oxford mixed, cut extra long advertised as a bargain for $12.00 by many dealers, cut price $7.95

LOT 9605—Men's extra fine and Heavy Black Melton Ulsters, a gentleman's garment, worth $22.00 cut price $12.95

Cut Prices

Make money by saving it during this sale.

MEN'S PANTS.

LOT 133—Men's dark blue rib cheviot Pants worth $2, cut price 93c.

LOTS 1825, 2392, 2822, 2850, 2991, 2823—Men's plain or black cheviot, hair line cassimere, pin check union and dark gray cassimere Pants, worth $2, cut price 93c.

LOT 2682—Men's heavy all-wool, pin check, gray Dickey Pants, worth $2.50, cut price $1.29

LOT 7818—Men's fancy worsted pants, worth $2.50, cut price $1.29

LOT 2805—Men's gray mixed all-wool cassimere Pants, a great value, cut price $1.48

LOT 3107—Men's heavy dark mixed Scotch Cheviot Pants worth $3.50, cut price $1.98

LOT 3785—Men's fancy worsted Pants, blue of black, worth $3.50, cut price $1.98

LOT 9018—Men's fancy striped worsted Pants, a great value, worth $4, cut price $2.49

LOT 4573—Men's heavy all worsted black clay Pants worth $4, cut price $2.49

LOT 3441—Men's heavy fine striped Cassimere Pants, strictly all-wool, worth $5, cut price $2.98

BARGAINS IN BOYS' CLOTHING.
BARGAINS IN FURNISHING GOODS.
BARGAINS IN SHOES.

SEE OUR SHOW WINDOWS. They are filled with samples of the goods offered at this sale. Our limited space prevents calling attention to but few of the many special trades offered in our several departments. Such exceptional Bargains have never been offered by ourhouse before.

J. L. CHALIFOUX, CENTRAL AND MIDDLE STREETS

NOT RECEIVING TODAY

Ladies Often Lose the Pleasure of Calls Because of Old Enemy, Backache.

"I should like to, but I'm miserable."
"It is impossible, my back aches so."
"One of the other ladies must take my place."

How often one hears these remarks.

Backache is an obstacle to many ladies.

Depriving them of much pleasure. A little information corrects this.

And Lowell ladies are well informed.
On the subject of backache.
They know it's kidney ache.
And they take Doan's Kidney Pills.

And then are ready for callers, always.

Mrs. Knowles, 46 Cross street, is one. She has suffered much from it.
Pain through the kidneys.
Urinary trouble developed.
Dizziness, with severe headache.
All this took the enjoyment out of life.

She adds: "I saw in my paper that Doan's Kidney Pills were curing cases like mine and got a box at Ellingwood & Co.'s, Merrimack and Central streets. I had not taken many before there was quite an improvement. I got the second box, and now I can say my suffering has ceased. I am all right in every way. I do not hesitate to give Doan's Kidney Pills the credit of curing the kidney trouble and every pain connected with it. You may use my name and say I am willing to answer any one who may apply to me with trouble like mine."

For sale by all dealers—price 50 cents per box. Mailed by Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y., sole agents for the United States.

Afternoon Tea.

Mrs. Joseph F. Talbot and Miss Talbot of North Billerica gave a very pleasant tea yesterday afternoon in honor of Mrs. Allison Taylor of Haverhill. The day was perfect and a number of people drove down from Lowell. Miss Saunders of Haverhill, Miss Talbot, Mrs. E. S. Sherman and Mrs. Cameron assisted in receiving and presided over the tea table.

Easy to Take

And easy to operate, small in size, efficient, thorough, satisfactory, but gentle in effect.

Hood's Pills

25c. Prepared by C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass.

ATTENTION!

Secretaries of societies, lodges, clubs and all fraternal orders. A list of societies will be inserted in the Lowell Directory for 1896

FREE OF COST,

By sending or leaving the same at Merrill's Bookstore, 121 Central street. Give name of order, time of meeting, and where held; also, full name of secretary and treasurer of same. This is quite an important feature of the Directory, and with your co-operation we shall be enabled to give a complete list of same.

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Successors to Cook, Taylor & Co.,
98 Merrimack Street.

Genuine Mark-down Clearance Sale

OF OUR ENTIRE STOCK OF

DRY AND FANCY GOODS

CONSISTING OF LADIES', MISSES' AND CHILDREN'S

OUTSIDE GARMENTS

LADIES' FUR CLOAKS

OF EVERY DESCRIPTION AT LESS THAN

50 Cents on the Dollar

20 Heavy Beaver Capes, fur trimmed, $2.25, worth $5.

25 Fancy Boucle Jackets, $6.75, down from $12.50

25 Children's Long Garments, all sizes, $3.50, from $8.00.

25 Astrachan Fur Capes, $5.50, down from $11.

About 200 Long Garments for Ladies and Misses in all sizes, good quality, from 75c. to $2.00 each, were from $4 to $6 each.

Remember this sale, note the prices, as everything in our Cloak stock must go at some price.

Remember our Markdown Sale of Underwear, Hosiery, Gloves, Blankets, Dress Goods, Silks and Satins. Everything at greatly reduced prices.

DIARIES

FOR 1896.

All Sizes, all Prices. New Year's Gifts in endless variety.

Merrimack House Block CAMBRIDGE, City Hall Square

TODAY AT 2 O'CLOCK P. M.

And afterwards while the lots last, the GREATEST BARGAINS in FINE CLOTHING ever seen on the market in Lowell will be offered, almost given away by us.

PRICES ARE ANNIHILATED. PROFITS ARE SACRIFICED

Tailor-made Suits, Overcoats and Trousers together with a big stock of Boys' and Children's Suits and Ulsters are to be sold without limit or reserve for a small faction of the real value.

The reason is plain—the same with us as with every clothing dealer in the country—"A dull season so far."

There is this material difference, however: Our stock is all new, having been bought within ninety days, and manufactured to our order, you run no risk of getting shop-worn goods in this sale. It is a regretable, unavoidable sacrifice of prices. OUR LOSS. YOUR GAIN. Furnishing Goods and Hats have been already quoted to you. Today we give prices on Clothing.

All Goods Marked in Plain Figures.

BOYS' KNEE PANTS.
Former Price, 35c 50c $1.00 1.50.
Sale Price, 25c 39c 69c 89c.

BOYS' SUITS.
Former Price, $2.00 2.50 3.50 5.00.
Sale Price, $1.47 1.98 2.98 3.98.

BOYS' REEFERS.
Former Price, $2 50 3 00 5 00 6 00 8 00.
Sale Price, $1 98 2 47 3 98 4 98 6 98.

BOYS' ULSTERS, 4 to 14 Years.
Former Price, $1 50 2 50 3 00 4 00 5 00 6 00 8 00.
Sale Price, 98c $1 98 2 47 2 98 3 98 4 98 6 98.

BOYS FLANNEL BLOUSES and SHIRT WAISTS.
Former Price, 35c 50c 75c $1 00 1 50.
Sale Price, 25c 29c 47c 69c 97c.

MEN'S TROUSERS.
Former Price, $1 25 2 00 2 50 3 00 4 00 5 00 6 00 7 00.
Sale Price, 98c $1 47 1 97 2 48 2 98 3 98 4 98 5 98.

MEN'S OVERCOATS, Greatest Sacrifice.
Former Price—
$4 $5 $6 $8 $10 $12 $15 $18 $20 $25
Sale Price—
$2 98 3 98 4 98 5 98 7 97 9 97 11 98 13 75 13 98 17 98

MEN'S ULSTERS. Almost down to Half Price.
Former Price, $5 $6 $8 $10 $12 $15 $20 $25
Sale Price, $3 98 4 98 5 98 7 98 8 47 11 47 13 98 18 75

A GUARANTEE IS GIVEN

That every garment sold will be found exactly as represented, and furthermore we promise to exchange goods during the sale or refund the money if customers desire it. We have a good line of merchandise to sell, and we know it. Hence our position to exchange or refund.

SEE OUR WINDOWS. EXAMINE QUALITY AND PRICES.

O'HEARN & DOWD

OLD POST OFFICE.

THE LOWELL DAILY SUN.

VOL. XXIX. NO. 28. THE SUN leads in local news. LOWELL, MASS., FRIDAY, JANUARY 3, 1896. THAT'S WHY it leads in circulation. PRICE ONE CENT.

SECOND EDITION

PROGRESS IN BUSINESS

ACHIEVED BY HARD WORK AND SQUARE DEALING.

The Motto of the Merrimack Clothing Company.

The ever growing competition has caused the business man to realize that the survival of the fittest is the rule that governs, and that he who doesn't labor falls by the wayside, while his more active competitor succeeds.

Thus the successful business man of today knows his business, and knowing it, conducts it in a business-like manner, striving ever for that position not open to all, at the top rung of the ladder of prosperity. He lets no opportunity slip by unaccepted and in his struggle honesty, sincerity and perseverance are his watchwords.

In business there are two interested parties, the dealer and the consumer and between the two exists a reciprocity, for the consumer will always patronize the dealer who gives him honest, courteous and reasonable treatment and it is the dealer's object to have his patrons trade steadily at his place.

With those facts in mind it is not surprising to note the wonderful success of the Merrimack Clothing Co. during its existence particularly, through the year just closed.

In the past six months although the general clothing business was unusually dull, the Merrimack Co., under the efficient management of Mr. D. S. O'Brien has done a better business than in the corresponding months of the previous year.

And the proof?

Manager O'Brien is not given to elaborate advertising tales and when he makes a claim for his trade or stock he shows his grounds for such claims. Yesterday he invited an inspection of his books by local newspapermen and Charles F. Coburn, Frank J. Simonds and John H. Harrington representing three of the newspapers to whose advertising Mr. O'Brien attributes in a large measure the cause of his success.

Their inspection resulted as follows:

LOWELL, Mass., Jan. 2, 1896.

To whom it may concern:

At the request of the management of the Merrimack Clothing company, the undersigned have this day made a careful examination of the sales books of this company, covering the months of July, August, September, October, November and December, in the years 1894 and 1895, respectively, and we find that during the months named in 1895 there was an increase of sales over the amount of sales made in the corresponding months of 1894 of sixteen and forty-five one-hundreds, (16.45) per cent.

CHAS. F. COBURN,
FRANK J. SIMONDS,
JOHN H. HARRINGTON.

The following gives the opinions of outside clothing wholesalers regarding the business of the fall:

BOSTON, Jan. 1, 1896.

Merrimack Clothing Co., Lowell, Mass., Gentlemen:

In answer to your esteemed favor of this date we would say that as far as we could learn of the trade journals of which we have inquired, the extreme mild weather this fall has depressed the trade for winter goods, particularly since the first day of November, and most dealers in winter clothing are behind in their sales for November and December, in comparison with the same months in '94.

As to the coming season we are very hopeful for the spring business, from the fact of the general employment of labor in general mechanical pursuits.

Now that the war scare is over and the money market will soon right itself, we think there is good ground for the correctness of our views regarding the spring business and we bespeak for you and your concern a full share of that continuous increase which your energy and enterprise justly entitle you to.

Very Truly Yours,
A. SHUMAN & CO.

With becoming modesty Mr. O'Brien claims none of the credit himself, though his efforts and knowledge of the business were a great factor in the success of the company, which promises in the near future to be among the foremost clothing houses in New England.

Ward Committees Organizing.

The ward four democratic committee has elected Ed. Flanagan chairman and Peter J. Brady executive.

Feather dusters, chamois, sponges for house and stable use. Coburn's Market street.

Who does your printing? THE SUN job print would do it well and save you money.

CHRISTMAS

Presents of money to England, Ireland and Scotland for Christmas at the money order office.

324 Market Street, cor. Worthen

Payable at any bank in England, Ireland and Scotland.

J. F. O'DONNELL, Agt.

324 Market, corner Worthen Street.

Freeman

Photographer, Hildreth Building.

$125 UPRIGHT PIANO, in good condition, made by Hallet & Davis, Boston; seven and one-third octaves. A bargain for some one. GEORGE A. GARDNER, 20 Prescott Street, Lowell, Mass.

A GREAT FINISH

B. A. A. Defeats Miserables by One Pin.

HIGHLANDS LOSE TO THE ARLINGTON CLUB.

"Joe" Donohoe's Team Wins From Haverhill.

One pin gave the Boston Athletic bowlers victory, last night, in their game with Les Miserables. The score was 2589 to 2588.

At the end of the first string, B. A. A. had the load by 28 pins, but on the second the Lowell boys pulled out much better than before, and by knocking down 917 pins took away the lead and swung into first place with a margin of 53.

Only two fancy spares were made in the game, and both were made by Swift. In the first the ball made the 5, 10 combination, and in the second, pins 4, 5, and 7 were sent flying. The score:

B. A. A.—Hill 524, Lodge 482, Fuller 564, Burton 455, Leagate 564; total 2589.

Les Miserables—Swift 509, Farrell 498, Seede 487, McLaughlin 544, Marren 552; total 2588.

Highlands Defeated by 13.

The number 13 is unlucky for some people and the Highland club bowlers must be in that class. Last night they went to Arlington and after bowling a very even game were beaten by the mystic "13." The score:

Arlington—Hayden 493, Whittemore 496, Carter 531, Olive 543, Lloyd 530; total 2602.

Highlands—Church 564, Leighton 531, Barton 481, Dickerman 505, Lewis 508; total 2589.

The Leaders Were Beated By the Lowells.

The Haverhills, leaders in the Merrimack valley league were beaten by Joe Donohoe's Lowell team at Les Miserables alleys last evening by the following scores:

Lowell—Hartwell 558, Murphy 586, Donohoe 480, Fullerton 465, Boulger 537; total 2626.

Haverhill—Atkinson 544, Legacy 454, McKay 516, Fullerton 494, Lewis 529; total 2537.

The Centrals Won Again.

"Charlie" Thornton and his Centrals ran away with the Favorites on the Olympic alleys last evening. The score:

Centrals—Fagan 487, F. Donohoe 437, O. Donohoe 410, E. Donohoe 489, Thornton 478; total 2301.

Favorites—Hounsell 396, Cote 481, Carney 462, Fee 474, McClennan 457; total 2270.

They Took a Fall Out of Bennett.

Col. "Jim" Bennett and his team of heavyweights, were thrown down and jumped on hard by the featherweights on the Highland club alleys last night. All of the Colonel's friends were on hand, and cheering louder than the band could play.

The colonel himself was in the game but could not get the semi-quiver on the ball and so lost. The totals:

Heavyweights—Bennett 318, Warren 413, Stowell 336, Bicknell 332, Wheeler 330; total 1729.

Narrowbacks—Ranlett 409, Stott 361, Roper 365, Lyman 421, Conlon 348; total 1804.

Jewett & Swift Win.

The Old Guards were defeated on the Olympic alleys last night by Jewett & Swift's bowlers as follows:

Jewett & Swift's—Sheehy 508, Sherwood 460, Broadbent 485, Chicken 428, Clark 456; total 2337.

Old Guards—Saunders 471, Gray 443, McKillop 410, Ryan 449, McSorley 430; total 2202.

Lowell Bankers' Win.

The Lowell Bankers' went to Nashua yesterday and defeated the bankers of that city. Grover of the Vespers bowled on the Nashua team and put up 595. The score:

Lowell—Perley 485, Swift 562, Butterfield 449, Clogston 432, Smith 499; total 2477.

Nashua—Morse 468, Grover 595, Smith 381, Hatch 448, Gibson 427; total 2319.

THEATRICAL NEWS.

Music Hall.

The performance given by Salambo and Clivette at Music Hall last evening is one of the most amusing seen in this city for years.

The Baldwins created a sensation at the Opera House and Kellar and Herman were considered wonders but their best tricks were excelled by Salambo and Clivette and their lady mind reader at Music Hall last night.

The performance opened with an excellent juggling act; then came a series of acts many of which are new and even those which were seen here before were performed with such dexterity that they elicited enthusiastic applause.

The lady mind reader with eyes bandaged on the stage added a column of figures put upon a black board by a man who resides on Kinsman street.

She also cubed various numbers given by the audience without hesitation.

Then she told the names of various articles picked up from the audience by a member of the company, the initials on watches, the names and numbers printed on the inside of ladies' gloves.

One of the features of the performance was an exhibition of shadowgraphs. Birds, beasts, animals, men, women were shown in rapid succession by the various forms of a man's hands and then fighting, hugging, kissing, fishing and various other laughable acts were represented.

The tricks of legerdemain, and the electric act were highly enjoyed especially the latter. In the electric act a gentleman and lady hold carbons in their hands and at the touch of the carbons a brilliant are light blazed forth as though it came from a deadly current of 2600 volts. Then both swallowed fire and issued volumes of fire from their mouths. Altogether the performance is so entertaining, so wonderful and so novel that it should be seen by everybody.

The play Down on the Farm, is booked for Music hall. It is a comical production that always compels enthusiastic applause. See ad.

It is True

that there is no other tea used so extensively in this city today as the Garden Flower tea sold by us. If you are not using it you don't use the best tea. Commercial Tea Co., opp. post office.

LATEST

DIED OF HEART DISEASE

AUGUSTUS MOORS, FORMERLY OF THIS CITY.

Dropped Dead in a Train at Salem Today.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

GLOUCESTER, Mass., Jan. 3.—Augustus P. Moors, aged 73 years, for over 25 years connected with the eastern division of the Boston & Maine railroad, died suddenly of heart disease this morning on a train, between here and Salem. Deceased was a native of Lowell where he has one brother.

FUNERAL SERVICES.

KYERCE—The funeral of Katherine Kyerce took place Wednesday afternoon from her late home on Summer street and was largely attended. The pall bearers were: Messrs. Thomas O'Hare, Thomas Shea, John Meehan, Hugh O'Brien, John Maguire and Patrick Surrigan. Interment was in the Catholic cemetery.

Among the floral offerings were: A cross of roses inscribed "At rest" from her sisters, Margaret and Bridget Ward; a pillow from Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Kearney, and a spray of roses from Mrs. Blackburn.

Mrs. Kyerce was a well known member of St. Peter's parish and her death caused a feeling of profound sympathy and sorrow to her many friends and acquaintances.

McCAULEY—The funeral of Emma McAuley took place this afternoon from St. John's hospital and was well attended. Interment was in the Catholic cemetery.

HOUSLER—The funeral of Mary Housler was held this afternoon from her late home, 32 Third street and the remains were interred in the Hildreth cemetery.

O'BRIEN—The funeral of William F. O'Brien, which occurred yesterday afternoon from his late home on Cumberland road, was very largely attended.

The pall bearers were Robert V. Saunders, John Conlon, Joseph Larose, Patrick Thomas, John Bagley and James Manning.

At the grave in the Catholic cemetery, Rev. Fr. O'Brien conducted service.

SULLIVAN—The funeral of William H. Sullivan took place yesterday from his late home on Lawrence street. The remains were taken to the Sacred Heart church where a high mass of requiem was offered up for the repose of his soul.

Rev. Fr. Reynolds, O. M. I., was the celebrant. The Gregorian chant was rendered by the choir directed by Miss Adelaide A. Sullivan. The church was crowded with friends and relatives of the deceased.

The pall-bearers were Messrs. John O'Connell, John Donehue, John W. Finnegan, Thomas Quinn, Owen M. Donohoe and James O'Hare. Interment was in the Catholic cemetery and Rev. Fr. Reynolds officiated at the grave.

There were many floral offerings including a mammoth pillow from the Lawrence Street company.

MORRIS—At St. Peter's church yesterday afternoon Rev. Fr. McDonough conducted service for the repose of the soul of the late John W. Morris. The funeral was attended by a number of relatives and friends of the deceased. There were many handsome floral pieces.

The pall bearers were, Messrs. John Daly, Terrence Kivelin, Charles O'Hagan, Henry McDermott, Eugene F. Crane and Joseph Loughran. The remains were interred in the Catholic cemetery.

SOME CRISP GOSSIP.

Although it is leap year no girl had as yet the audacity to ask any young man to go skating.

The proprietor of a petit French grocery tells me of a new kind of "flim-flam" which a woman attempted to work on him a few nights ago. She went to the store it seems and purchased two pieces of meat, and helped herself to three or four carrots and a couple of turnips, the proprietor charging her for the lot. All were done up and she departed returning again in a short time with a parcel exactly like that which she had taken away. "That ain't the kind of meat I want. Here's your things give me back my money." The proprietor was about to give her the money when it occurred to him to open the parcel. The meat was there but nary a sign of a vegetable. When the woman saw her ruse was discovered she grabbed the parcel and made her escape.

Henry Cuff has been appointed Worthy Grand Story Teller of the Dugans. Henry earned the title at the annual meeting the other night when he told a story with "flies" in it if not on it.

Henry was immediately collared for the position.

An old woman who had been at the city farm since 1878 died there Wednesday at the age of 96 years. This shows that inmates are well cared for at our city institution.

While looking up a supposed scandal lately I ran across a young milliner and began to question her. Before she had reached my story she had let me in on two others and yet they say there's no fun working in a millinery store.

A building on Prescott street is to let for "storage" purposes. As half the wall of the building is torn out, the owners probably mean "cold storage."

Why Not?

If you are economizing why not look over your printing bills and see if you are not paying to much for printing? Call at this office and get prices on your work, and see if we cannot save money for you.

Massachusetts Mutual Aid society, I. O. G. T., met in Boston yesterday with many Lowell members in attendance.

Harvard TONIC PILLS

A Positive Cure For All Nervous and Kidney Diseases

THE SCHOOL BOARD

Will Meet Tonight to Elect a Musical Instructor.

The school board will hold an adjourned meeting tonight. It is not likely that the republicans will attend as the only business will be the election of a supervisor of music.

It is expected that Mr. Molloy will be chosen. He is already teaching in the schools and yesterday he was at the Butler school while today he gave lessons at the Highland and the Green schools.

The inaugural exercises at city hall, Monday will commence at 9.30 o'clock.

Janitor McGuirk and his assistants will have the interior of the building looking its best next Monday.

The school board and the overseers of poor will organize Monday afternoon. It is now stated positively that Mr. Swapp will be chosen president of the school board and Mr. Kimball, chairman of the board of overseers of the poor.

It would be a great stroke of policy on the part of the republicans to hold City Messenger Cahill in office.

LOCAL NOTES.

See locals on second page.

Deputy Finnigan installed the newly elected officers of Court Wamesit, F. of A., last night.

A reception and banquet was tendered Rev. C. E. Fisher, the new pastor of the First Universalist church, by his congregation last evening.

Fred G. Chagnon and Thomas McDonald, who gave Lowell as their residence, were recently sentenced to jail in Manchester for stealing overcoats.

The 25,000 stock of high jackets, capes, fur, etc., at Chris Holmes' specialty store must be turned into cash at once. Cost of garments no object. See ad.

Daniel Gage has purchased the Walker place at Chelmsford Centre, containing 50 acres, from the heirs of the late Samuel Hunt, formerly a member of the district police.

The officers of Lowell council, Royal Arcanum were installed last evening. The council's quartet rendered several selections and the new officers delivered brief addresses.

The newly elected officers of the Y. M. C. I. were installed by Rev. Fr. Dacey, O.M.I., last evening. It was the first installation in the new building and a ritual was employed for the first time.

A son has arrived at the home of Louis H. Kileski, Esq., chairman of the republican city committee. The newcomer has already been christened Frederick Greenhalge Kileski, in honor of the governor.

An afternoon tea was given by Miss Ethel Stevens yesterday in honor of her guest, Miss Kempton and it was a delightful affair. The Page company catered and the American orchestra furnished music.

Wannalancit encampment, I. O. O. F., had its newly elected officers installed last evening at Odd Fellows' Temple by District Deputy Alvah Locke of Lawrence and staff. After the installation exercises a collation was served.

Scrofula

Appears in a hundred different forms, such as Running Sores, White Swellings, Eruptions, Boils, Pimples, Salt Rheum, Scald Head, etc. The only cure is in making Pure, Rich

Blood

Hood's Sarsaparilla makes pure blood and has never been equalled as a cure for Scrofula. Cases considered incurable, and given up by physicians, yield to its wonderful purifying, vitalizing powers. In fact,

Hood's Sarsaparilla

Is the One True Blood Purifier. $1; 6 for $5.

Prepared only by C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass.

Hood's Pills are gentle, mild, effective. All druggists. 25c.

Annual January Clearance Sale

$25,000

Worth of High Grade JACKETS, CAPES, FURS and MACKINTOSHES involved. Every cut in price. Our immense stock must be turned into cash at once.

Garments at ½ Price
Garments at ¼ Price

Chris Holmes'

Specialty Store,

124 and 126 Merrimack St.

THE SUN EXTRA

5 O'CLOCK

GREATER BOSTON

The Metropolitan District Commission Reports.

RECOMMENDING CONSOLIDATION OF 28 TOWNS.

Suggests a Special Election to Decide Matter.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Jan. 3.—The Metropolitan District commission has filed its report with the city clerk, and suggested the consolidation of 28 cities and towns near the present city to make it the greatest and most influential city on the continent.

The cities and towns mentioned are Chelsea, Revere, Winthrop, Arlington, Belmont, Cambridge, Everett, Lexington, Malden, Medford, Melrose, Newton, Somerville, Waltham, Stoneham, Watertown, Winchester, Woburn, Lexington, Lynn, Nahant, Saugus, Swampscott, Brookline, Dedham, Hyde Park, Milton and Quincy.

In closing the report, the commissioners suggest that all those cities and towns hold a special election on May 16, 1896, to vote on the question of consolidation.

HOT FROM THE WIRE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Rev. Nathaniel G. Clark, D.D. L.L.D., aged 70 years, for 30 years connected with the American board of foreign missions, died in Boston today of heart failure.

Some of the employes of the Union Traction company of Phila., went out on strike again this morning upon receiving an official notice to strike. Some of them returned and were taken back, though many green hands were given work.

Four more bodies were today found in the ruins caused by yesterday's explosion in St. Louis.

The Health bureau sends out a special bulletin announcing a cold wave. The thermometer will drop 30 degrees.

Sir William Whiteray and Sir MacKenzie Bowell met today at Ottowa to discuss the proposed annexation of Newfoundland.

A five-minutes session was held in the House at Washington today. It adjourned until Tuesday.

REV. DR. O'CONNELL.

Presented $2,000 by Rev. Fr. Barry—He Will Sail for Europe Wednesday.

The priests of the archdiocese have presented Rev. Dr. O'Connell a magnificent gift of $2000. This gift was given at the banquet tendered by Rev. Fr. Barry of Boston. Rev. Dr. O'Connell will assist at the ceremonies of conferring the pallium upon Mgr. Satolli. He will sail Wednesday for Rome.

New Sub-stations Probable.

Postmaster Pearson has a communication from Washington relative to making Middlesex village office a sub-station. The department may soon extend the free delivery system to Wigginville, Navy Yary and Middlesex village.

City Library Average.

During the last year the average daily circulation of the city library was 433, the total being 145,354 books. The library has 55,000.

His Hand Lacerated.

Senis Gaudette, an employe of Davis & Sargent's mills, had his hand badly lacerated this morning by getting caught in a machine.

Mr. Samuel Horn of Smith street celebrated his 89th birthday Wednesday.

The next campfire of Post 42, G. A. R., will be held in Memorial hall next Wednesday.

The Appleton company has transferred their agency for their goods to Catlin & Co. of Boston.

Mrs. Isabella Carney of No. 110 Gorham streeet met with a very painful accident while attending to her household duties, by falling and breaking her arm. Dr. Maguire set the arm.

Fifty cents does nearly the work of a dollar at J. L. Chalifoux's mighty reduction sale. It affords the most advantagious buying opportunities ever offered by this live clothing house. Every counter, every shelf, every selling space in his great store offers extraordinary bargains. Mr. Chalifoux is determined not to carry over any of his winter goods, and has cut prices so as to ensure a speedy sale of them.

PERSONAL.

Mr. S. W. Fletcher of Agawam street is ill.

Mrs. O. G. Fish is recovering from her illness.

Rev. Fr. Quinn, O. M. I., of Buffalo, is visiting friends in this city.

The engagement is announced of Robert J. Beals of Epping, N. H., to Miss Daisy Hadley of this city.

The engagement of Arthur Edson Patterson of New York and Miss Minnie Grimes of this city is announced.

Miss Floy Cutler entertained at her home, 17 Nicolet street, Wednesday, in honor of her cousin, Miss Ethel Trow.

Marriage Intentions.

The only intention recorded at the city clerk's office today was:

Ovide Guerin 20, to Anna Sasseville 16.

DEATHS.

CUTTER—Abijah Cutter whose death occurred recently in Santa Monica, California, was one of the old residents of Lowell. While still a young man he learned the lock and gun business of the late O. A. Richardson. Some years later Mr. Richardson and Mr. Cutter went into a partnership under the firm name of Richardson & Cutter, which continued until 1878, when Mr. Cutter retired from the business altogether.

Mr. Cutter formerly was a member of Lowell Mechanic Phalanx, and also belonged to the fire department for many years. More recently he was deputy fish commissioner and warden for Lowell. At the time of his departure for California he was a member of the Veteran Firemen's association.

O'LEARY—Ellen O'Leary died at the city farm yesterday, aged 96 years. She was in the farm since 1878 and had been in Tewksbury ten years previously. She was originally a resident of Lowell.

BRODERICK—Thomas Broderick aged 60 years, died yesterday at his home 28 Bowden street.

WOODWARD—Ably F. Woodward aged 52 years, wife of George F. Woodward died yesterday at 19 Loring street.

FINNEGAN—Frank Finnegan aged 9 years, son of Michael and Mary Finnegan, died Wednesday evening at 141 Fayette street.

McCAULEY—Emma McCauley aged 28 years, died yesterday at St. John's hospital.

SHEEHAN—Michael Sheehan, aged 29 years, died this morning at his home, 274 Fletcher street. He leaves a mother, two sisters and four brothers. He was a well known young man and among his acquaintances was extremely popular. The funeral will occur at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

When you want any decoration done or a design made to suit at a reasonable price call on Jim at 6 Prescott street. Greenhouses at Brookside. Telephone connection.

LEAP YEAR PARTY

Held in Lester's Hall Last Night by Sales Ladies.

The dear girls are not delinquent about assuming the duties of leap year for a delightful leap year party opened the season last night, the affair being held in Lester's hall by a party of Merrimack street sales ladies.

The attendance was large and in a short time after their arrival everyone was acquainted and a splendid time was enjoyed.

At 8.15 the grand march began. It was led by Miss Eva C. Geary and Mr. Asa Flint, followed by Miss Bessie Cushing and Mr. Edward A. Barnes, and Miss Helen Pinault and Mr. Joseph Eno of Haverhill.

Among the ladies whose costumes were attractive were: Misses Flora R. Small, Eva C. Geary, Maria L. Lucier, Bessie Cushing, C. Maude Lewis, Helen M. Pinault, C. May Dinsmore, Nellie Denver, Annie Cilley, Hattie Jalbert, Maggie Dolan, Maud Flanders, Kate Osser, Edith Graham, Ella Burke, Hattie Cassely, Sarah J. Honan, Annabel Macauley, Kittie Hanchey, Emma Boire, Lena Betelle, Della Leonard, Lulu Lyons, Christina and Kate Kenney, Maud E. Harris, Evelyn Kempton, Lou Hoyt, Alice Deming, Marion Field, Kate Ryan, Ella Hale, Nora Ryan, Helen Macauley, Cora Lane, Ina Pindar, Nellie Bottomley, Nellie Favreau, Emma Lanoue, Helen Hutchins, Mrs. George R. Studley, Mrs. Rosa Jordan Hartford, Mrs. F. J. Vigeant, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Ham, Mrs. Joseph Hibbard, Mrs. C. A. Lester, Mrs. Mongeau and Mrs. Byron.

After the march, general dancing was enjoyed until after midnight. Intermission was taken at 11 o'clock, when the ladies served refreshments.

The officers were: General manager, manager, Miss Flora R. Small; floor director, Miss Eva C. Geary; aids, Misses Marie L. Luchier, Bessie Cushing, C. Maud Lewis, Helen M. Pinault and C. May Dinsmore; matron, Mrs. George R. Studley.

Thomas Talbot Elected Secretary.

At the annual meeting of the republican state committee in Boston yerterday, Thomas Talbot of North Billerica was elected secretary.

The ladies of the Pawtucket church last evening held an enjoyable sociable in the vestry.

TO THE YOUNG FACE Pozzoni's Complexion Powder gives fresher charms, to the old renewed youth. Try it.

HUSBAND IS GONE

And His Wife Deplores His Departure.

BECAUSE SHE KNOWS NOT WHERE HE WENT.

May Have Gone to Work or Eloped.

A woman residing on Bridge street is mourning the mysterious disappearance of her husband, who took his trunk and left their home on Tuesday last, leaving behind him no trace of where he went.

He was a weaver and as he had been out of work for some time he may have gone in search of employment.

The deserted wife, however, is greatly affected and is unable to leave her bed since her husband's disappearance. At present she is threatened with a fever. It was reported that the husband had eloped but inquiry fails to substantiate the report.

His present wife is his second and as he has children in Manchester his mysterious departure is considered suspicious.

AN A. P. A. ORGANIZER.

Gets Into Trouble For Embezzlement in Haverhill.

The following despatch from Haverhill shows up pretty well the people the A. P. A. element is barboring: L. P. Barnes, by his own statements, A. P. A. organizer, lawyer, editor and politician, and claiming Georgia as his home, was in the police court here this morning on the charge of the embezzlement of $20 from Richard Broadnax, his colored client. The case was a sensational one, with the finale that Barnes was held in $500 bonds for the Superior court.

Broadnax was arrested a short time ago on the charge of stealing and was defended by Barnes, who was able to convince Judge Sherman that his client would make restitution. The money was paid to Barnes and he is now charged with keeping it for his own use.

DINNER AT PARKER'S

By Mrs. Greenhalge With Many Prominent Guests Present.

Mrs. Frederick T. Greenhalge, wife of governor, gave a delightful New Year's dinner at the Parker House yesterday.

Seated at the tables were Governor and Mrs. Greenhalge, Colonel Woodruff, Second Artillery, U. S. A., Fort Warren; General Samuel Dalton, commanding Massachusetts volunteer militia; Private Secretary Thomas and Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. James Nesmith, Mrs. W. H. McDaniels, Col. Parker, Col. Walsh and many other prominent people. It was a delightful affair in which Mrs. Greenhalge again signalized herself as an entertainer.

POLICE COURT.

Hadley, J.

Five drunks.

Richard Condon and John Murphy were sentenced each to six months in the state farm.

Polle Hamlin, a young Frenchman stole a fancy cape from E. Golden's store and pawned it. He was sent to jail for 10 months.

State Detective Whitney is after physicians who have not registered and coming to Lowell he summoned a well known physician in court for advertising as a physician and using the "M. D." without having been duly registered. He pleaded not guilty and was continued in $100 until Jan. 13.

Woman's Relief Corps.

The Woman's Relief corps of Post 120 installed the following officers yesterday afternoon: President, Mrs. Mary E. Offutt; senior vice, Mrs. Mary E. Smith; junior vice, Mrs. Lestina E. Parker; treasurer, Mrs. Annie E. Tuttle; chaplain, Mrs. Electa R. Titcomb; conductor, Mrs. Catherine Robbins; guard, Miss Lou Titcomb; secretary, Mrs. Hattie E. Whitney; assistant conductor, Mrs. Elizabeth Dexter; assistant guard, Miss Alice Fullerton.

"Pins" said the boy, "have saved lots of lives by not being swallowed;" bad fitting shirts have saved many a man's temper by not being worn.

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Will be at the Swan building at 4.30 and 7.30 today and should be attended by all interested. Prof. Dodge will show many features regarding the acquirement of language that apply to other things with advantage and profit.

New "Orders" Growing.

Last evening a delegation from Crystal lodge of Haverhill visited this city and installed the officers of Elgin lodge, New England Order of Protection. The exercises were held in Highland hall.

Besides the members of Elgin lodge visitors were present from Lawrence and Haverhill and Neptune and Echo lodges of this city were represented.

Supper followed the other exercises. Mrs. Hattie Burrows, Mrs. Carrie Buxton and J. E. McIntosh were the committee of arrangements.

Do You Get

20 pounds of granulated sugar for $1 where your trade? We give 20 pounds to our customers. See our windows for bargains this week. The U. S. Tea Co., 82 Prescott street.

The United Order of Pilgrim Fathers held a box party last evening at the residence of Henry K. Prince, 404 Bridge street. Mr. Prince made a good auctioneer and made the customers bid lively for the boxes. A musical and literary program was rendered.

When you need printing remember THE SUN.

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To Boston. Lve.	To Boston. Arr.	From Boston. Lve.	From Boston. Arr.
8 15	9 27	8 00	9 19
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Trains by this division leave Lowell from Middlesex street station.

Leave Boston from the new Union Station, Causeway street.

§From Middlesex St. station only.

England is venting her spleen on the Transvaal, and out there she is confronted by Germany.

It now appears that the First Congregational church will drive out the deacons instead of the pastor.

The Venezuelan commission appointed by President Cleveland commands universal respect. Its report will show whether England's claims are just.

Undoubtedly the ladies who conducted the newsboys' dinner are more than ever impressed with the impetuosity of the inevitable small boy as he is found on the streets of Lowell.

It is in a measure encouraging to find that already there is a good sized revolt against the A. P. A. association in the legislature. It will grow rather than diminish during the year.

Between Tennyson and Austin, the new poet, Laureate, of England, there is no room for comparison. The Laureate's crown will not infuse the divine afflatus into the heart of a rhymster.

Officer Boyle deserves credit for his fast running and successful arrest of two men who had shot another on the street and run away. It was an arrest such as has rarely been made in Lowell.

Governor Morton of New York is out as a presidential candidate. The republicans imagine that he could carry the Empire state but although he did so last year he will never be able to do it again.

The republican councilmen elect took an oath not to divulge the doings of their caucus. The councilmen of last year took an oath to serve this city's interests and to do the city's business but did they do it?

The storm of last week blew down one of the large show signs. But several others have been since erected. It is a good plan to make a show of popularity by erecting such bills all over the city in lieu of tickets. When a theatrical company makes an engagement with a house billed in this way it can usually count upon half the house being dead beat.

Within ten days more there will be a general election in Manitoba. The result will show the sentiment in regard to the school trouble now pending. The dominion government is firmly in favor of the Catholic position and the question now is whether the new ministry will do its bidding. It is now generally conceded that a peaceful and satisfactory solution will be reached so that all danger of prolonged controversy will be averted.

God save the Queen.—Boston Standard.

A timely petition this, in view of the circumstances.—Haverhill Gazette.

The editor of the Gazette should not forget that the Boston Standard and all other organs of the A. P. A. exist to oppose the enemies of England, to oppose home rule for Ireland. The secret service money formerly spent in ferreting out Irish revolutionary societies in this country is now turned over to the A. P. A. leaders and doubtless some of the vile organs are also subsidized by England.

THE GOVERNOR'S INAUGURAL.

Governor Greenhalge's recommendation in favor of the state inspection of public schools would tend to secure general and continued excellence and to drive out drones and hobbyists. It is an undoubted fact that superintendents of schools find many schools below the standard of proficiency, many teachers who waste time on fads and hobbies, and yet fail to correct them for the reason that the corrective power placed in their hands is very limited and dangerous. They can do very little corrective work without incurring the enmity of some official who has a voice in their election. State inspectors would be free from such restraints and would therefore do their duty fearlessly.

Beyond this and his suggestion for stricter naturalization laws the inaugural has little of general importance.

FAMOUS COMMON COUNCIL

OF THE PAST YEAR AND ITS RECORD.

Review of the Political Contests of the Past Year.

Next Monday morning when the common council of 1896 is inducted into office it will be to succeed a council whose history if ever compiled will make most interesting reading.

Through the instrumentality of this body and the scheming devices of the republican members the city of Lowell has figured prominently in the courts during the year and has attained a notoriety not creditable to the city itself and certainly not to the officials who took the solemn oath last January to serve the city's best interests.

A glance at the year's happenings in the council chamber reveals a regretable state of affairs, as viewed from a democratic standpoint.

With the exit of Messrs. Sparks and O'Connell it was predicted that "Cuckooism" and "Cuckoo" domination were at an end. It required but seven months persuasion, however, to nurse another bird of the derested flock in the person of Delehanty from old Ward three.

Few people expected that Patrick Delehanty the man who from his public utterances previous to his election, made it appear that his main object in entering the councilmanic contest was to defeat Thomas J. Sparks, would be the very one to step into Mr. Sparks' political shoes and through his traitorous acts to sacrifice the best interests of his own people. That the perfidy of Mr. Delehanty operated to the detriment of the democratic party is an acknowledged fact. That it has a tendency to arouse an antagonistic feeling against young men who seek political honors is likewise true. Mr. Delehanty made a mistake and he will realize it more keenly as time rolls on.

The election of John E. Sullivan as president of the council, which took place on Feb. 5, and his subsequent removal on May 21, by order of the court, will rank among the greatest political happenings in the history of our city council. His removal left the council unorganized and many thought it would have so remained throughout the year.

But on June 25, Mr. Goward broke the deadlock by voting for Mr. Curtig for president.

Republicans condemned Mr. Goward's action, while democrats praised it.

Then bills which had accumulated during the first six months of the year amounting to immense sums of money, were passed over the city treasurer's counters.

The republicans had long sought in vain to demoralize the democratic phalanx.

At one of the July meetings James Dacey was chosen superintendent of streets by the common council to succeed Robert E. Crowley.

Then the trading commenced.

On August 2, to save Supt. Crowley a number of democratic councilmen sacrificed City Clerk Dowd, City Treasurer Harrington and City Solicitor Hogan.

The backbone of the administration was broken, and it required but meagre force to remove the remaining democrats. Supt. Crowley remained, and the control of affairs in his department virtually passed into the hands of Alderman Varnum and Pierre A. Brosseau, both republicans.

Mr. Delehanty failed to accomplish what he sought and his friend, Mr. Dacey, for whom he took such a blundering step, is not yet a city official, nor will he be in the near future.

It is worthy to note that the leaders in the movement to retain Supt. Crowley at the expense of several other officials, did not dare to seek re-election.

Delehantyism asserted itself again on Nov. 12, when one of the most competent city officials, Supt. Bray, was removed from the lands and buildings department, which passed into the control of Charles F. Varnum.

The year's events in the city council were characterized by one of the greatest political robberies our citizens have ever known. The provisions of this measure are too well known to be recited here.

Had not Delehanty betrayed his party the democrats could have held the fort throughout the year. As it is he goes down into obscurity as the worst "cuckoo" that Ward three ever produced. Furthermore, the other councilmen who deserted the democratic officials find their political career ended.

Going Too Far.

"This here 'new woman' business is gittin to be too durn serious for a joke," said Uncle Hiram solemnly.

"What's the matter now?" asked his nephew.

"Waal, I was down sorter lookin over the tough part o' your durn city, an a woman ran out of a house an grabbed my oie hat."

"Oh, that's an old trick. Did you follow her?"

"Not much I didn't."

"That was lucky for you."

"I sorter reckoned that if she got this here 'new woman' fever so bad as all that," explained Uncle Hiram, "she could have the ole hat an welcome, an I hollered arter her that if she'd give me her address I'd ship her down a pair of overalls when I get back to the farm."—Chicago Post.

An Inducement to Longevity.

"Why zees distress?" asked the count's faithful friend.

"Sacre!" screamed the nobleman. "The dot I was to get—the two million dollaire?"

"Does he then it refuse to pay?"

"He says he shall pay, but the pig of an idiot say he shall pay in what he call the constallment plan—at five dollairs a week!"—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Tempus Fugit.

Alas, how fast time flies!
What changes does it make!
Fair Laura now denies
What once I'd boldly take.

Some fifteen years ago,
When she was only four,
I'd like to have you know
I kissed her o'er and o'er.

Sometimes the kiss was free,
Sometimes she'd not comply,
But dimes would e'er for me
The pleasing favor buy.

What makes time change us so?
I saw the maid tonight.
Yet she'd refuse, I know,
What once was her delight.

And dollars would not buy
What dimes have often bought—
Nay, more, she'd now descry
An insult in the thought.

Yet now I've older grown
And favors would elate
Which I could not, I own,
Before appreciate.

—Chicago Post.

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FIREWORKS EXPLODED.

Five Persons Killed and Many Injured In a St. Louis Fire.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 3.—Five persons were killed, one fatally injured, four more missing and 31 received injuries more or less serious as the result of an explosion that occurred yesterday afternoon at 309 North Second street.

Everybody for blocks around Second, Third, Locust and Olive streets was startled by a series of three explosions that demolished the building at 309 Second street, in which it occurred, badly damaging adjoining property and shattering thousands of panes of glass in the vicinity.

The building occupied by the Anchor Peanut company and H. B. Grubb, agent of Ditwiller & Street, of Greenfield, N. J., was set on fire in some manner. The flames, which started on the first floor, communicated to a quantity of fireworks on the second floor, owned by Grubb. These exploded with terrific force, throwing burning brands, bricks and debris in every direction.

The concussion had rent the walls adjoining the Levison & Blythe Mucilage and Ink Manufacturing company and the Excelsior Wire and Iron Manufacturing company, and the flames soon communicated to these two buildings, in which a considerable number of men and boys were at work. Three alarms were sent in. The whole down-town fire department responded, and the work of rescuing the injured was performed in a courageous manner by the police and firemen.

The firemen searched every foot of the ground for the bodies of the four missing men, but were unable to find any. The missing, it is thought, may have escaped and neglected to report their safety.

Cannot Get Bail.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 3.—Mrs. Davidson was arraigned yesterday on the charge of blackmailing Rev. Dr. C. O. Brown. Neither Dr. Brown, nor Miss Overman, whose name is connected with that of the clergyman, was present during the brief proceedings. As the prosecution announced that one of its important witnesses, Mr. Tunnel, could not be found, the case went over. Mrs. Davidson has relinquished all her hope of obtaining bail. She says she will devote her time to religious work among the prisoners.

Many Liquor Sellers Fined.

MILFORD, N. H., Jan. 3.—The victims of Wednesday's liquor raids were before Trial Justice Keyes yesterday. Moses Billanger, Gustave Doucet and Louis Dupont of Greenwich paid $83 each in fines; Joseph Silver, Jr., of New Ipswich, $22; John Boyes, M. P. Stanton, W. W. Heath and Hannah Brennan of Wilton, $18.98; Thomas Garrity and Cyrus Burke of Milford, $17.94 each. Ex-Governor Goodell was complainant in each case.

Sentenced For Robbery.

FALL RIVER, Mass., Jan. 3.—Frank Ryan, an actor, was sentenced to a year in the house of correction yesterday for robbing John W. Murphy on board the steamer Plymouth. Ryan was drunk in the barroom. Murphy entered, and after a short conversation Ryan pulled a revolver and held it under Murphy's nose while he took a stick-pin out of his tie. The pin was valued at $20, and Ryan refused to give it up.

APPEAL TO CLEVELAND

To Save the Country From What The World Terms a Scandal.

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—The World today says: To you, Mr. Cleveland, The World appeals. It asks you to save the country from the mischief, the wrong and the scandal of the pending bond deal with the Morgan syndicate.

It is not yet too late to repudiate the whole transaction, and its rejection will be the greatest act of your life. It will give you more of prestige than any other, more of honor and more of gratitude of your countrymen. The World now offers to head the list with a subscription of $1,000,000 on its own account. It will take that amount of 3 per cent bonds, or it will take $1,000,000 of 4 per cents on a 3 per cent basis, namely, at about 117, and it will promptly find and furnish the gold with which to pay for them.

The whole country would respond with like alacrity. It would not require a week, it would hardly require a day, to sell $50,000,000 of bonds to the people at a fair price. Why sell them to a syndicate at an unfair price and with a secrecy which excites suspicion and distrust?

Why should you not appeal to the patriotism of the rich, as in case of war a call to arms would appeal to the patriotism of poor and rich alike? Why should you invite a great national scandal, where you can as easily invoke a great national demonstration of devotion to the welfare of the country?

Now is your time, Mr. Cleveland, to make war. Make war on fraud and wrong. Make war upon the usurpations of speculative wealth. In this matter lies real peril to the interests of our institutions, and you have recently professed your readiness to go to war in their defense at all costs and all hazards. Will you rise to the occasion? Are you equal to your opportunity?

Murdered Haswell.

PROVIDENCE, Jan. 3.—Martin Dalton was found guilty by the jury of the murder of Anthony S. Haswell. Sentence was deferred under the law.

The Usefulness of Slang.

"Are you getting good returns from your business?" asked the young woman's father.

"They're out of sight!" replied the young man ambiguously.

And as the old man thought the young man was only talking slang he got the girl.—Somerville Journal.

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SUNBEAMS.

Ten Per Cent For Salvage.

There is a street boy who hangs about the corner of Wisconsin and East Water streets who is evidently quick to see and seize an opportunity. Just before the recent blizzard the wind whisked off an old gentleman's fine silk hat and sent it merrily bowling up Wisconsin street.

"Here, boy," he called out, "get my hat for me!"

"What are you offerin?" inquired the boy.

"Get my hat quick, and I'll give you a dime."

"What's it worth?" asked the boy.

"Seven fifty. Why! Come, get a move on you. It's a brand new hat, and I've only just bought it. Hurry, now, and I'll make it a quarter."

"I guess not," replied the boy placidly, turning away. "I ain't in the business of furnishin gents wi' $7.50 silk hats for a quarter. Gimme 10 per cent for salvage, boss, and away I go. Do I get it?"

The old gentleman gazed at him for a moment in helpless astonishment and then nodded consent, and the boy whooped after the hat and brought it back in triumph. There's a great future before that boy.—Milwaukee News.

They Were Overcome.

He was reading a newspaper in a Broadway car. After awhile he folded it up and said to the man on his left:

"Do you think that the principles of gravitation will ever be overcome so as to enable any sort of a machine to fly?"

"No, sir!" was the brusque answer.

"But why not?"

"No need of it."

"Do you understand the laws of gravity?"

"I do, sir. Plainest thing in the world, sir. All a street car nuisance has to do is to go out on the platform and step out into space. Gravity will land him on the earth. Try it, sir—try it."

The inquiring man looked at him with sorrow expressed on every line of his face, and then turned away and took a seat at the other end of the car.—Detroit Free Press.

That Word.

Mrs. Querrel sat looking into the fire. presently she chuckled a little bit.

"What are you giggling at?" kindly inquired Mr. Querrel.

"I was thinking of the time when you proposed. You told me to say the one little word that would make you happy for life."

"Yes; I remember. And you went and said the wrong word."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

She May Be Needed.

Blobbs—Miss Oldgirl would make a good soldier.

Slobbs—Used to powder, eh?

Blobbs—Yes, and never deserts her colors.—Philadelphia Record.

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[SPECIAL TO OUR LADY READERS.]

The "tell-tale face" is worn by many American women, and is a symptom of symptoms, a signal of distress.

While women do all in their power to hide their condition, the practised eye soon detects the trouble.

When pains and aches are felt in every part of the body, when faintness, dizziness, and that bearing-down feeling prevail, when loss of sleep and appetite are reducing flesh daily, when the society of friends is irksome, and the hopeless "blues" predominate, then the face is pinched, haggard, and careworn, and prompt relief is necessary, or a beautiful life will be sacrificed.

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Mrs. H. Wampler, of Barabo, Wis., whose letter we were permitted to publish last year, writes that she hopes Mrs. Pinkham will continue to use her name, as the publication in newspapers of the account of her own wonderful cure and relief from years of misery has been the means of influencing many suffering women to try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and become well like herself. Mrs. Wampler feels, and rightly, too, that in this way she is doing a great good.

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SOMERVILLE, Mass., Jan. 3.—"I think that the wrong man was shot. I say it in all calmness and coolness. The wrong man fell on that eventful Saturday morning." Mayor Hodgkins used these words in a long speech of denunciation and censure of the course of Alderman Downs, who instigated the charges against Horace L. Eaton, while he was acting as city engineer of Somerville. The mayor was speaking at the time in the Somerville aldermanic chamber last night, while that body was considering two reports presented by the special investigating committee appointed in consequence of the charges preferred against Mr. Eaton by Alderman Downs. Both the majority and minority reports completely exonerated Mr. Eaton of any dishonesty or malfeasance of office. The mayor advocated Alderman Downs' expulsion.

Traction Strike on Again.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 3. — Early this morning the motormen and conductors employed by the Union Traction company decided not to go to work. The official declaration was made at a mass meeting of the men in Labor lyceum. It came amid the greatest confusion and against the strong protests of the conservative element. In fact, the excitement was so intense that numerous small riots between the elements were averted with the greatest difficulty. The meeting broke up in the greatest disorder. Throughout it was manifest that many of the men who went out on the last strike will report for duty as usual. The temper of the strikers is such that trouble is almost bound to follow.

Mediation In Siege at Zeitoun.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Jan. 3.—The Turkish government has accepted the offer of the representatives of the powers to mediate between the porte and the insurgents of Zeitoun, who are surrounded by Turkish troops. At the request of the British ambassador instructions have been sent by the Turkish government to the Vali of Harpoot to permit Dr. H. M. Barnum, the American missionary, to distribute to the destitute Armenians the relief funds subscribed for them in England.

Not on the Program.

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—Mrs. Leslie Carter accidentally stabbed John Kellard last night during the performance of "The Heart of Maryland." Mr. Kellard takes the part of Colonel Ford, and in the third act of the play there is an exciting scene between him and Mrs. Leslie Carter, who assumes the role of "Maryland," the heroine of the play. It was during this act that Mr. Kellard received the injuries. He was not dangerously hurt.

Railroad Employes on Strike.

BUFFALO, Jan. 3.—A number of work men in the Western New York and Pennsylvania machine shops struck yesterday. The strike was unexpected. One alleged grievance is the refusal of the company to restore the 10 per cent reduction of wages made some time ago, and another is the discharge of men employed in the machine shop. There are in all about 300 men employed, and it is possible the strike may extend to all departments.

Shoe Workers Are Dissatisfied.

HAVERHILL, Mass., Jan. 3.—The shoe council, the governing board of all local labor organizations except the cutters' assembly, held a secret meeting last night to discuss several difficulties in local factories. Widespread dissatisfaction prevails among shoe workers, and unless the existing difficulties are adjusted, another big strike may be decided upon.

Where Is the Mascot?

BALTIMORE, Jan. 3.—Fears are entertained in Baltimore that the tug Mascot, which sailed hence Nov. 27 for Port-au-Spain, Trinidad, has been lost. It is also believed that she may have been bought to be used as a blockade runner in the interest of the Cuban insurgents.

Absence Unaccounted For.

ROWLEY, Mass., Jan. 3.—Ralph Villiars, 20 years old, a telegraph operator, has been missing since last Thursday. His folks believe he is a victim of foul play. He always carried much money. His accounts are right, and he owes no bills.

Big Demand For Talmage.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—When Dr. Talmage came to the First Presbyterian church recently it was arranged that he should preach Sunday evenings, while Dr. Sunderland, with whom he was made co-pastor, should alternate in the pulpit Sunday mornings with Mr. Allen, the assistant pastor. Since Dr. Talmage began to preach there has been a demand that he should hold the pulpit twice on Sundays. Offers have also come from other churches for his services on Sunday mornings. He has announced to the elders that he desires to preach twice each Sunday; that he is able to, and that the pressure for him seems a providential call. The elders have the same opinion. Mr. Allen, however, stands upon his rights, which are defined by the contract and by church polity, and declines to yield the pulpit. Consequently the presbytery will be called upon to decide the question.

For Republicans to Consider.

TOPEKA, Jan. 3.—Ex-Chief Justice Albert Horton has entered his associate, Justice David J. Brewer, as Republican candidate for the presidency. "Do you know," said he, "that Judge Brewer is likely to be considered for the presidency by the St. Louis convention. He is decidedly the biggest man Kansas ever gave to the public life, and you will find that he will distinguish himself in the Venezuelan investigation. Of course the commission will not report until long after the St. Louis convention shall have met and done its work, but that will not make any difference. Brewer will be considered by the St. Louis convention regardless of that."

ON TO HABANA

Cuba's Capital May Soon Be Invaded.

BY THE INSURGENTS UNDER GENERAL GOMEZ.

Their Tactics Beyond Comprehension of Spanish.

HABANA, Jan. 3.—There is now no doubt that the insurgents are in large force in the province of Habana and are spread over a wide space, their rear guard still stretching back into Matanzas province, while their vanguard is at Aguacate, a town of some importance on the railroad line between Matanzas and Habana, and only a little over 30 miles from Habana.

Apparently the full force of the insurgents are engaged in this renewed incursion toward Habana. But they maintain the same scattered formation, divided into columns, which proved effective in carrying them into the immediate neighborhood of Matanzas, the different columns apparently retaining the intuitive faculty of knowing the whereabouts and needs of each other, and thus being able to co-operate with one another and avail themselves to the full extent of the feints and diversions which the different columns carry out for the assistance of the others.

The Spanish commanders are apparently utterly unable to cope with this kind of warfare, or to check the advance of the insurgents, which is now once more directed straight upon Habana. Early yesterday the authorities apparently had hopes of preventing the entrance of the insurgents into Habana province. When it became known that they were gathering in force on the borders, two battalions of troops were stationed at Las Palos to oppose their advance into the rich valley of the Guines, which is studded over with the most valuable canefields on the island. The Spanish troops seem to have failed utterly to prevent the insurgents from passing them and reaching Aguacate, which is, however, well to the northward of the Guines district.

It is learned that Gomez now intends to extend his incursion into the western province of Pinar del Rio, and the situation is considered exceedingly grave in view of the great activity that has been manifested by local bands of insurgents in Pinar del Rio ever since Gomez's advance into Matanzas. It is known that Gomez has directed these movements, notwithstanding the designation of their leaders as mere bandits. It is feared that his advance will be accompanied by a general uprising in the province, co-operated in by the local leaders, who are already very well equipped for doing damage.

An advance into Pinar del Rio would have the effect of practically surrounding this city with the insurgents' sympathizers. The authorities, however, stoutly maintain all their previously expressed confidence that the insurgents will not dare to attack Habana, and that the new movement is merely a raid intended to destroy property, as was the last.

An Escaped Prisoner's Story.

Honore Laine, who was a prisoner in Gomez's hands for five days, has effected his escape and has returned to Habana. He gives an interesting account of his experiences in the insurgent camp, and explains some of the mysteries of the insurgent movements, which have proved so successful for their purposes and so baffling to the Spanish authorities.

He describes the so-called retreat of the main force of the insurgents from about Matanzas through Navajas, Torriente, Crimes, Murga and Aguada, when it was supposed they were hurrying to Santa Clara province for a refuge, or were making a demonstration upon Cienfuegos, and their subsequent countermarch by a more northerly course by Calimete, Manquito, Baro and Coral Falso in the direction of Alfonso XII.

Laine declares that Gomez and Maceo are at the head of a force of 8000 cavalry and infantry, the cavalry being excellently equipped, and that they have a well-organized force of 300 men to carry stretchers.

The infantry force, Laine describes as being armed with mauser rifles, while the rest of the force are armed with different kinds of weapons. When the column is on the march, he says, it spreads out over six miles, the flanks being carefully guarded by scouting parties under command of the brothers Nunez.

The engagement with General Navarro, Laine says, was a surprise to the insurgents, and they sustained a numerous loss. During this engagement a shell fell within a short distance of General Gomez. He reports that most of the damage done to the country is done by the insurgent infantry. He asserts, also, that General Gomez intends to make the advance into Pinar del Rio with his cavalry.

Reports are received that the canefields of the central estate of Carmen, in the district of Union de Reyes, have been burned, as well as those on the Conchita plantation in the district of Alfonso XII, and the fields at Valiente, on the border of the province of Matanzas.

Their Second Matrimonial Venture.

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—Mrs. Alva S. Vanderbilt announced to her friends yesterday that she is engaged to be married to Oliver Belmont. Mrs. Willie K., as Mrs. Vanderbilt is known in society, is the divorced wife of William Kissam Vanderbilt. She is the mother of the Duchess of Marlborough (Miss Consuelo Vanderbilt). Oliver Belmont is the son of the late August Belmont. He is himself a divorced man, his first wife having married again.

About Mrs. Davidson.

BANGOR, Me., Jan. 3.—The Bangor News, in commenting on the dispatches from San Francisco relative to the Davidson extortion case, says that Mrs. Mary A. Davidson was Mary Abbott of Bucksport. As a girl she had fine presence, was stately, beautiful of face and form, brilliant and witty. Her first husband was Major Frank Pierce of Bucksport, an officer of the Sixth Maine regiment, who died in 1868. The News claims that her second husband, Mr. Davidson, from whom she was divorced, is still living.

Dismissed, With Sympathy.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Jan. 3.—Rev. Frank Hyatt Smith, pastor of the North Avenue Congregational church, who figured in the United States district court recently, was formally dismissed from the pastorate of that church yesterday by the North Suffolk Congregational conference. Twenty-five churches were represented at the meeting. The proceedings were necessary, as the rules of the church so provide. Resolutions of condolence with Mr. Smith were passed.

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The Venezuelan Commission will Work Logically.

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Commission Master of Its Own Acts.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—The present expectation is that the first meeting of the Venezuelan boundary commission will be held at the state department next Saturday. All the members of the body, with the exception of Commissioner White, have signified their ability to be here at that time. The latter will not reach the city before Tuesday, and there is a possibility the first meeting may be deferred until that day, though this is not likely.

There are a number of questions arising in connection with the work of the body, such as the selection of quarters, etc., beside other preliminary matters not affecting vitally the questions at issue, that can be passed upon by the majority of the commissioners.

The members have not yet received their commissions, and hence it is not positively known who will be the chairman, although the presumption is that Justice Brewer, having been the first named, will have that honor. Justice Brewer has heretofore met his fellow-commissioners, and he is anxious that the work which the commission was appointed to perform be commenced at as early a date as practicable.

What needs to be determined first by the commission, the justice thinks, is a distinct and definite understanding of just what facts are desired, and the body can then go ahead and perform its work systematically. He realizes what an effect on the public mind the conclusions reached by the commissioners will have, what their significance will be and how they must carry conviction. The investigation, he says, must be a thorough one or none at all.

Justice Brewer called on President Cleveland yesterday and thanked him for the honor conferred upon him. Mr. Brewer also had a short talk with Secretary Olney.

An Independent Body.

It is authoritatively stated on behalf of the administration that the Venezuelan commission will be absolute master of its own procedure, fixing the time and place of its meetings, and determining for itself whether or not it shall visit foreign countries, what class of evidence may be taken and how interested governments may be represented before the tribunal.

This independence of action is deemed necessary to secure to the commission's findings that degree of weight and respect among other nations that can be attained only through a knowledge that the body is free from any restraint or obligation to the United States government which has created it. Our government will occupy the status of an exact neutral in the proceedings. The state department will lend such assistance as may be required to facilitate the work of the commission in procuring transportation for it on a United States warship, if that is desired, and in supplying any records in its possession that may be called for.

But while it will not allow itself to be placed in the position of taking sides as to the merits of the controversy between Great Britain and Venezuela, it will not undertake to present the Venezuela case, nor will it even endeavor to offset any evidence that leads toward the British contention. Therefore the various suggestions that have been made to the department by individuals in this country as to where evidence can be secured have been ignored. Such matter is regarded as proper for the consideration of the commission, but is not for the state department.

State Department's Consistent Action.

It is pointed out that on this attitude the department is exactly consistent with its course in the past. From the beginning of the negotiations with Great Britain touching the Venezuelan boundary, the United States government has especially refrained from committing itself to a recognition of the justice of Venezuela's claim, and has limited itself strictly to the contention that this was proper matter for settlement by arbitration.

Moreover, the attitude which the department has assumed toward the commission itself is regarded as a sufficient negative to the assumption in Europe that the United States government purposed constituting itself the arbitrator in this dispute, for the commission will be as independent of the United States government as it will be of any other government.

The personnel of the commission is commended by members of the house who take particular interest in international matters, regardless of party affiliation. The gentlemen selected were considered entirely competent to conduct what the president in his message expressed a wish for—a judicial examination of the evidence relating to the boundary.

It was also pointed out that while several members of the commission have participated in politics, they cannot be considered strong partisans at this time; so that so far as our domestic affairs are concerned, they would not be likely to enter upon their work with any party ends to serve.

A Parallel Case.

In speaking of the Venezuelan question, an authority upon international affairs pointed out that the present hostilities in the Transvaal furnished a direct and most opportune parallel to the South American dispute.

The note of the German government to Great Britain, requesting an explanation of Jameson's expedition into the Boers' territory, and protesting against it, he thought, would tend to fortify the arguments of the United States in justification of its action regarding the Venezuelan boundary.

The conditions of the two cases are not unlike. The Transvaal is nominally an independent republic, and Germany does not claim to maintain a protectorate over it any more than the United States does over Venezuela, yet Germany assumes a right to interfere to check British aggressions.

Nor can the German government claim that its own safety is in any way menaced by any steps the English might take against the Boers. It can only assert a right to interfere on the ground that its interests are involved, which is thought by many to be the only tenable ground upon which this government can base its right to be considered a party to the dispute between Venezuela and a British dependency.

There is no doubt that proceedings in the Transvaal will have an interest for this government, which they otherwise would not, because of their possible application to the Venezuelan boundary correspondence.

Premier's Changeable Mind.

A letter addressed by Lord Granville, the then British foreign minister, to the representative of the Venezuelan government, acquiescing in the suggestion already made by that representative for including in a pending treaty a clause providing for the arbitration of any and all differences between the two governments, is made public. This letter proves the statement made by the London Chronicle to the effect that Earl Granville had virtually concluded a treaty with Venezuela in 1885, containing an arbitration clause that covered the Venezuelan boundary dispute. It is now claimed that there is a wide discrepancy between Lord Salisbury's interpretation of Earl Granville's agreement as covering the arbitration of the boundary dispute and his recent notes to Secretary Olney upon the same subject.

Worthy of Careful Consideration.

A dispatch from London states that The Chronicle prints this morning the official correspondence, hitherto unpublished, between the governments of Great Britain and Venezuela during the period between November, 1840, when Sir Robert Schomburgk was appointed commissioner by the British government to survey the western territory of British Guiana, and April, 1842, when England finally removed the boundary posts which he had set at various points in that territory to form the so-called Schomburgk line.

It appears from this correspondence that on Oct. 5, 1841, Senor Fortique, Venezuelan minister to London, wrote to Lord Aberdeen, secretary of state for foreign affairs, expressing surprise at the erection of a British sentry box upon Venezuelan territory, and urging the necessity of entering upon a treaty of boundaries as a previous step to the fixation of limits.

Lord Aberdeen replied to this on Oct. 21, saying that he had received Mr. Robert Schomburgk's report. "It appears," Lord Aberdeen continued, "that Mr. Robert Schomburgk planted the boundary posts at certain points in the country he surveyed, and that he was fully aware that the demarkation so made was merely a preliminary measure open to future discussion between the governments of Great Britain and Venezuela. But it does not appear that Mr. Schomburgk left behind any guardhouse or sentry box or building bearing the British flag."

In conclusion, after discussing the details of the correspondence, The Chronicle's commissioner says: "If the foregoing documents are genuine, and their source excludes any suspicion to the contrary, then the Schomburgk line is proved worthless as a basis for any territorial claim."

Britishers Not Posted.

LONDON, Jan. 3.—The Times, in an editorial, comments rather severely upon the presence of Frederick R. Coudert on the Venezuelan commission, and notes the fact that, with one exception (Andrew D. White), the commissioners are unknown here.

Pillsbury Again.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 3.—The third sitting of the third round in the international chess tournament was played yesterday, the results being as follows: Pillsbury (black) beat Tschigorin in a Petroff after 20 moves. Lasker (white) and Steinitz drew a Ruy Lopez after 35 moves. The score: Pillsbury, won 6½, lost 3½; Lasker, won 5½, lost 3½; Steinitz, won 4½, lost 4½; Tschigorin, won 1½, lost 7½.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

The ice palace at Leadville, Colo., has opened.

Six persons were burned to death at Columbus, O.

Five hundred claims were jumped in the Cripple Creek district.

Donald Austin, chief of the Indian police at Sitka, was murdered.

Abijah D. Baker was killed by a train at Melrose Highlands, Mass.

The police have failed to locate Giraldo, who shot Guiseppi Volpi at Providence.

Twenty-eight citizens at Greenwood, S. C., were arrested for illegal liquor selling.

The sixth session of the seventh parliament of the Dominion of Canada was opened.

Schooner Carlotta, previously ashore near Tuckernuck, Nantucket, Mass., was taken off.

Nathaniel Jenness of Lebanon Centre, Me., was instantly killed by a train at Rochester, N. H.

The legislative committee appointed to investigate Pittsburg's municipal affairs has begun its work.

Deacon A. P. Winslow, for many years paymaster of the Androscoggin mills, Lewington, Me., is dead, aged 70.

John Knapp of Bradley, aged 45 years, shot himself at Oldtown, Me., and died soon after. He was sick and despondent.

The first state dinner of the season at the White House—that to the cabinet—was given by the President and Mrs. Cleveland last night.

Arrangements have been perfected for a series of relay races in which the leading eastern colleges will take part at Philadelphia on April 25 next.

Frank Hemmington, aged 22, a brakeman, was fatally injured at Nashua, N. H., by being crushed between deadwood of two freight cars.

Rufus W. Peckham, the newly appointed associate judge of the supreme court, has arrived in Washington. He will be sworn into office next Monday.

At Salem, Mass., a boy named Nathaniel Brown was sentenced to the Lyman school for boys for breaking into the Advent church and stealing $20 from the mite box.

The battleship Texas has been ordered to proceed to the Norfolk navy yard, where the extensive changes recommended by the inspection board will probably be made.

A large part of the lower Pacific mills at Lawrence, Mass., shut down temporarily, owing to a break in the jack gear of the main wheel. Considerable damage was done in the wheel pit by the accident.

The schedules in the assignment of Howard K. Burras, whose failure was recently announced on the New York Stock Exchange, shows liabilities $155,293; nominal assets, $283,081; actual assets, $122,735.

Peregrine, the new schooner yacht for Ralph H. White of Boston, was slipped from the ways in the yard of the Bath (Me.) iron works, her builders, the christening ceremony being performed by Miss Eleanor Hyde.

Half the business section of West Palm Beach, Fla., was burned by a fire which started from a gasoline explosion. The loss on the buildings is estimated at $100,000, while the loss on the contents will add $30,000 more.

The Maine Republican state committee voted to hold two conventions. The first at Portland, April 9, when four delegates and four alternates will be elected to attend the St. Louis convention. The second to be held at Bangor, June 9, to nominate a candidate for governor.

CHARLES H. FROST, 78 Central Street.
Dealer in Watches, Diamonds, Jewelry, Musical Instruments, Violin, Guitar and Banjo Strings, Ammunition, Fire-arms, etc. Fine Watch repairing.

JAMESON BEATEN

In a Battle For the Transvaal.

THE LOSS OF LIFE WAS VERY HEAVY.

The Boers Were Prepared For Invasion.

LONDON, Jan. 3.—Dr. Jameson, the administrator of the British Chartered South African company, who led a force of 500 armed men into the Transvaal, has been made a prisoner and his followers have surrendered. The loss of life is reported to be heavy.

PRESIDENT KRUGER.

The colonial office publishes the following telegrams from Sir Hercules Robinson, governor of Cape Colony, to Colonial Secretary Chamberlain, which are dated Jan. 2:

A messenger overtook Dr. Jameson 10 miles the other side of Elans river. He has brought back a verbal message to the effect that the dispatches have been received and will be attended to. The forces were then saddling up, and immediately proceeded eastward into the Transvaal. Dr. Jameson thus received and disregarded my message. Sir Jacobus DeWot (British agent in Transvaal) telegraphs that the fighting commenced at 4 o'clock yesterday. He was unable to obtain details from General Joubert (commander of the Transvaal forces) last evening, and had heard nothing beyond rumors.

South African Company's Forces Routed.

The Cape Times has a telegram from Pretoria, the capital of Transvaal, received there from Krugersdorf, that there had been hard fighting, the forces of the Chartered South African company suffering heavily.

A second cablegram has been received from Sir Hercules Robinson, which says: The British agent at Pretoria telegraphs under date of Jan. 2: I have just seen General Joubert, and he says that, as far as he knows, Dr. Jameson has been driven out of several positions. The burghers have 25 of their wounded as prisoners, including three officers, and five corpses have been buried by the burghers. The fighting is still proceeding. No force has yet left Johannesburg to assist Dr. Jameson.

The government has information that further forces of the Chartered South African company are mobilizing to enter the Transvaal, and the Kaffir commander within the Transvaal on the Bechuanaland border of the Free State is ready to assist the Transvaal, if required.

Jameson is surrounded by a large force near to Krugersdorf. The railway between Krugersdorf and Johannesburg has been broken up. The acting president of the Free State telegraphs me that 1600 burghers have been commanded to take up a position 16 miles this side of the Vaal river.

A third cable from Sir Hercules Robinson forwards a dispatch from the British agent at Pretoria, stating that Dr. Jameson's forces have surrendered.

Colonial Secretary Chamberlain, in reply, has cabled to Governor Robinson his regret that Dr. Jameson's disobedience has led to this deplorable loss of life, and to do his best to secure generous treatment of the prisoners and care of the wounded, and to telegraph the names of the killed and wounded.

In an interview, Montague White, consul general of the Transvaal in England, declares that the Uitlanders in Johannesburg never raised a finger to help Dr. Jameson. The Boers, he said, would treat Dr. Jameson's followers with generosity, but Dr. Jameson himself would receive a fair trial and the punishment his crime merited.

Newspaper Comment.

The Berlin correspondent of The Standard quotes The National Zeitung as follows, in commenting upon England's action in stirring up strife in Armenia, Africa and elsewhere: This procedure requires to be put a stop to by Europe, with which the United States will not unwillingly co-operate. The other German newspapers sternly condemn Dr. Jameson's action.

The Times, in a special article, assumes that the fighting was an accidental skirmish, and that Dr. Jameson's surrender was entirely voluntary. It is difficult to believe, says The Times, that he could not have made a better stand, had he wished to do otherwise than preserve his men in the character of a police force.

The Daily News says in an editorial: It is a serious question whether the Chartered South African company should not be deprived of its charter.

School Question Brought Up.

OTTAWA, Jan. 3.—The opening of parliament yesterday was purely formal. The speech from the throne briefly mentioned the question of passing a federal law re-establishing separate schools in Manitoba, his excellency stating that Premier Greenway of Manitoba had declined to do anything to provide for the re-establishment of separate schools when called upon to do so by the Dominion government, and that the federal parliament would be asked to pass a bill to that end.

Shorter Hours and More Pay.

LYNN, Mass., Jan. 3.—The Lynn and Boston Street Railway Employes' union this morning considered the new agreement governing wages and hours of employes of the road, which will be submitted to the management. The shortening of hours for conductors and motormen by taking off one trip Sunday and an increase of 25 cents on a 10-hour day are asked.

Double Drowning Accident.

WORCESTER, Mass., Jan. 3.—Edward M. Stanton, 15, and Alfred P. Shepard, 12, were drowned in a small pond in Sutton Grove while skating yesterday. The Shepard boy broke through the ice and Stanton went to his assistance, and was dragged down by Shepard.

New York CLOAK and Suit Co.
NO. 12 JOHN STREET.

DOWN! DOWN! Go the Prices at our Mammoth Annual Clearance Sale

Every dollar's worth of Garments and Furs in our store reduced to a mere fraction of former prices.

Note the Bargains for This Week:

One lot 32-inch Jackets of Rough Cheviot Cloth, 1-2 lined with satin, regular price $9.50, for this sale only $3.95.

One lot Fancy Cloth Jackets, in tan checks and mixtures, box front, regular price $9.75, for this sale only $4.75.

60 Children's Gretchens with cape, sizes from 4 to 14 years, regular price $3.50, for this sale only 98c.

Jackets that have been $16.50, $19.50, $22.50 your choice $12.50.

COME! COME!!
GIVE A PERSON A SHOW.

That is Just what we are doing. We will give any customer that calls at our shoe store more for their money than they can get in any other shoe store. How do these prices suit you:

First we have a lot of Women's Congress and Lace Serge Boots, 25c.
A pair of Women's Felt Slippers, hand made, our own, 35c.
300 pairs of Women's Button Boots, slightly imperfect, 50c. a pair.
Misses' School Shoes, solid leather, warranted, 75c. Another lot 65c.
Men's Rubber Boots, best made, $2.50.
Men's Storm Rubbers, 75c.
Child's Rubber Boots, 75c. Remember the place.

William Wade
Two Doors Below the Old Post Office.

O'Donnell & Gilbride

Our Store will be closed Friday Evenings at 6 o'clock until further notice.

Our Special Half Price Sale of Manufacturers Samples of Muslin Underwear is a Great Attraction. Step in and See the Bargains.

TODAY We Begin a Stupendous MARKDOWN SALE OF WINTER UNDERWEAR AND HOSIERY FOR MEN, WOMEN and CHILDREN

This chance will not repeat itself for a long time to come. A very little money will supply your wants for a future winter. Make your little investment now and increase the saving of the future. A few sample bargains follow.

It will Pay you to see the Bargains We are Offering in Muslin Underwear. Step in Today or Tomorrow and Examine the Values.

FOR MEN.
25c. will buy Heavy Camel's Hair Shirts and Drawers, sold to date 49c.
39c. will buy Heavy Grey Shirts and Drawers, sold to date 69c.
49c. will buy Heavy Grey and White Wool Shirts and Drawers, sold to date 75c.
69c. will buy several odd lots of Shirts and Drawers, in extra heavy camel's hair, sold to date $1.00 and $1.25.
25c. will buy 2 pairs of Camel's Hair, Natural Wool and Cashmere Hose, sold to date 20c. a pair.

FOR WOMEN.
30c. will buy Ladies' Natural Wool Vests and Pants, warranted non-shrinking and sold to date 69c.
69c. will buy your choice of an odd lot of Vests and Pants, broken sizes, goods that sold to date $1.25.
17c. will buy Ladies' Fleece-lined Hose, high spliced heel and sold to date 39c.
23c. will buy Ladies' extra heavy fleece, double sole, fast black Hose, sold to date 49c.
49c. will buy Ladies' extra fine Cashmere Hose, high spliced heel, full fashioned, sold to date $1.00.

FOR CHILDREN.
25c. will buy Misses' Jersey Vests, extra quality, regular price 50c.
45c. will buy Boys' Heavy Fleeced Shirts and Drawers, sold to date 75c.
19c. will buy Boys' Heavy Ipswich Hose, sold to date 50c.
25c. will buy Misses' All-Wool Double Knee Hose, sold to date 50c.

Arrangements are perfected for placing this great stock on sale in convenient form this morning. Therefore you should come promptly.

O'Donnell & Gilbride

Men's Cong. and Lace ALL SOLID, WORTH $1.50
For Friday and Saturday Only.
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215 DUTTON STREET.
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SALAMBO & CLIVETTE'S NEW WONDERS.
NEW! NOVEL! SPARKLING!
Prices: Evening, 50c., 35c., 25c., 20c., 15c., 10c.
Three Nights, Commencing Monday, January 6th. Matinee Wednesday.
Greatest Success of the Season,
Down on the Farm
A STORY OF LIFE
In New York State.
The Old Home Down on the Farm. The Picnic Scene. Great Scene of the Bowery, N. Y. The River of Real Water. The Empire City Quartette. Songs, Dances, Laughter, Pathos, Comedy.
Prices, 50, 35, 25, 20, 15 and 10c.

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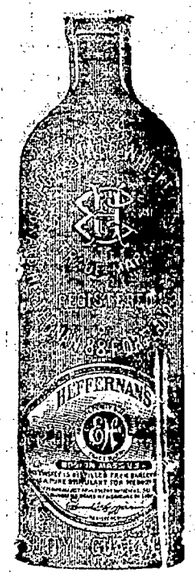
Pure Malt Whiskey



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That "All Run Down" Feeling Positively CURED.
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Price, - - $1.00 Per Bottle

WM. B. SOLOMON, M. D.
(Eldest son of the late Dr. James M. Solomon, the Celebrated Specialist in Chronic Diseases) of Attleboro, Mass., Has Opened an Office in
Swan Building, Central, St., Lowell
Office Hours: 10 to 12 a.m., 2 to 5 & 7 to 9 p. m.

A New Invoice of
CHOICE FALL NOVELTIES
Arrived this week. Some exquisite selections of FRENCH FRAMES, fine Felts and Chenille Hats. We have been appointed agents for the ELITE and H. & S. FINE CORSETS and invite the ladies of Lowell to inspect our stock before purchasing.
ABBIE M. SMITH,
175 Merrimack Street, Lowell.
Mrs. M. E. Dudley, Assistant

The hum of the spindle gives life to Lowell as does the
SPINDLE CIGAR
give pleasure to the smoker. Ask for Spindle Cigar and take no other. HENRY FLOOD, Prop.

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42 CENTRAL STREET.

ENGLISH CAPITAL FOR AMERICAN INVESTMENTS.
Important to Americans seeking English capital for new enterprises. A list containing the names and addresses of 350 successful promoters who have placed over £100,000,000 sterling in foreign investments within the last six years, and over £18,000,000 for the seven months of 1895. Price £5 or $25, payable by Postal Order to The London and Universal Bureau of Investors, 20, Cheapside, London, E. C. Subscribers will be entitled, by arrangement with the directors to receive either personal or letters of introduction to any of these successful promoters.
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Man or woman, boy or girl, that does not like good, wholesome Bread? You may get along without many articles of food, but Bread you must always have, and when you stop and consider that the best costs no more than the poorest, why not get the best? You are always sure of the best in all kinds of Baking Supplies at
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Bakeries, either at 52 to 60 Charles Street, or our new bakery, 405 Lawrence street.

BIRD'S ORIGINAL COUGH DROPS
MANUFACTURED BY Bird Brothers.
For Sale by All the Leading Druggists and Confectioners.

SUN WEATHER BULLETIN.

ALMANAC FOR FRIDAY, JAN. 3.

SUN RISES	7 14	MOON RISES	7 53 PM
SUN SETS	4 24	FULL SEA {	12 45 AM
LENGTH OF DAY	9 10		1 00 PM

Forecast for Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont: Threatening and cloudy weather, with light snow flurries; colder tonight; southwesterly, shifting to northwesterly, winds.

For Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut: Partly cloudy weather; colder tonight; southwesterly, shifting to northwesterly, winds.

LOCAL NEWS.

When in doubt, smoke Old Hundred.

T. C. Lee, fire insurance, Donovan bl'd.

The Lowell Wall Paper Co.; all styles; all prices, 18 Church street.

For Lacawana coal go to Rourke & Sullivan', 984 Gorham street.

There hasn't been much ice about this winter, but Harry Shaw managed to find enough on which to fall, breaking a small bone of his foot. He is out on a crutch.

Grand party at Town hall, North Chelmsford, this evening, by Mrs. N. A. Smith and boarders of Lowell. Cars leave Merrimack square every fifteen minutes, returning after the dance.

The fourteenth anniversary concert and ball of the Mathew Temperance institute occurs tonight and it promises to be a grand event. The affair will be held, as usual, in Huntington hall.

Mr. Thomas Talbot is contemplating building a magnificent statue at North Billerica, and Architect Stickney is sketching the plans for it. It promises to be an elaborate building of its kind.

At a meeting of the directors of the Traders' National bank of this city held yesterday (2d) a dividend of 2 per cent. was declared from the earnings of the past six months payable by check January 13th, to stockholders at the close of business January 2d, 1896.

There was a large attendance at the supper and entertainment of the Ladies' Improvement association in Odd Fellows hall last evening. The entertainment program included a song and dance by Miss Nettie Studley, violin solos by Mark Pease, songs by Mrs. C. W. Johnson, harp solos by Hugh McElroy and duets with the violin, recitations by Miss Genevieve Lawrence, songs by Miss Etta Rutherford, and cornet solos by Thomas Tanner.

Deers' Head on Exhibition.

Andrew Lynch has had mounted the heads of two fine deer and one large carribou which he shot in Maine a short time ago. These with the skin of the carribou form an attractive decoration in Elias McQuade's place on Market street.

Notre Dame academy reopened yesterday after the Christmas holidays. The monthly meeting of the Reading Circle next Sunday promises to be the most interesting since the organization of the society. The life and works of John Boyle O'Rielly will be the topic of discussion.

Want the Names.

City Clerk Dadman requires that candidates for surveyor of lumber, weighers of coal and other articles, surveyor of plastering, measurers of grain, wood and bark, and inspectors of boilers, send in their full names and addresses on or before Saturday, Jan. 4.

Presented a Gold Ring.

Mr. Thomas Linscott's friends visited him at his home, 7 Westford street, last evening and presented him a beautiful gold ring. The presentation speech was delivered by Ernest Corbett. During the evening there were singing and dancing, and a general good time.

Meeting of the Aldermen.

There will be an adjourned meeting of the board of aldermen tonight, and a hearing will be granted on the petition of the Lowell & Suburban Railway company for track locations.

The report of the special committee on salaries will also be before the meeting for action.

Waneta Club Party.

The Waneta club is making elaborate arrangements for its annual party which will be held in Associate hall, Thursday evening, Jan. 23. It will be remembered that the select party given by the club last winter was one of the most beautiful affairs of its kind held during the season. This year the members intend to excell their effort of last year. Invitations are already out. Mr. Henry L. Roarke will be floor marshal.

Work on the New Churches.

Work on St. Jean Baptiste church on Merrimack street is gradually nearing completion and when finished the edifice will be one of the prettiest and cosiest churches in New England. Mr. Donovan, who is superintending the interior work, speaks very highly of the artistic plans being carried out.

St. Michael's church is also rapidly nearing completion. With these and St. Peter's finished, Lowell will have some of the handsomest Catholic churches in the arch-diocese.

FOR THE BOARD OF HEALTH.

Drs. Harrington, Meigs and Savage Are Candidates.

The candidates for positions on the board of health are increasing.

It is said that Dr. Harrington has the lead in the contest for Dr. Field's place on the board.

Dr. J. V. Meigs and Dr. J. J. Savage are also willing to take the place if it comes their way.

At city hall it is believed that Mayor Courtney will reappoint James Bayles to the board. All appointments are of course, subject to confirmation by the aldermen.

POST-GARDINER CO. SOLD.

Concord and Manchester Company Controls It.

The Post-Gardiner Express company of this city has ended its existence.

The Concord and Manchester Express company has gained control of the old company and will operate it in this city as a branch of the main company.

The new deal went into effect New Year's day. Mr. Post has entered the employ of the new company as superintendent of the Lowell division.

Calendars.

We are giving away our new calendars with fire alarm on back to all callers. Dickson Bros., The Big Tea Dealers, 68 Merrimack street.

Bowling, Billards, Pool.

Tournaments and prizes at Les Miserables, East Merrimack street.

Dr. Coburn DENTIST 81 MERK ST.

Supremacy of The Merrimack Clothing Co.

Convincing proof that the people want the BEST CLOTHING, the kind we sell, and that they have bought it at the MERRIMACK. Here is food for reflection and study. The volume of Retail Clothing Business has been behind during the last six months of '95 compared with the same period of '94. Here is the situation as it is reported to three of the largest Wholesale Clothing Houses:

Now to show our success with the people

A SWEEPING REDUCTION SALE

Of Heavy weight Suits, Overcoats and Ulsters for Men and Boys is begun.

We don't advertise $13 Suits for $3. If we did, we should have been robbing them when we charged $13.

The depth and meaning of our Cut Prices can be best understood by the prices marked on the goods in our windows.

You Are the Judge

BOSTON, January 1, 1896.

MERRIMACK CLOTHING COMPANY, LOWELL, MASS.:

Gentlemen—In answer to your esteemed favor of this date, we would say that as far as we can learn from the trade journals of which we have inquired, the extreme mild weather this fall has depressed the trade for winter goods, particularly since the first day or November, and most dealers in winter clothing are behind in their sales for November and December, in comparison with the same months in 1894.

As to the coming season we are very hopeful for the spring business, from the fact of the general employment of labor in general mechanical pursuits.

Now that the war scare is over and the money market will soon right itself, we think there is good ground for the correctness of our views regarding the spring business, and we bespeak for you and your concern a full share of that continuous increase which your energy and enterprise justly entitles you to.

Very truly yours,
A. SHUMAN & CO.

A prominent New York firm has written to the Merrimack company under date of Dec. 31 to say that the fall season has to most retailers been unsatisfactory and that the decrease in the volume of business done during the year has accordingly brought sales down to a smaller average for the year. The unseasonable weather is the reason this firm assigns for the decrease.

Under the same date as the last another New York house writes in a similar vein. "There has been a general falling off in business," the letter says. "quite contrary to our expectations early in the season. The unseasonable weather and the generally unsettled affairs of the country have made it impossible for the retailers to do the usual amount of business."

What the Merrimack Clothing Company Has Done.

Gained nearly 16 1-2 per cent. in their sales during the past six months. Here are the facts, the accuracy of which are vouched for, by three of Lowell's best known citizens, viz: City Treasurer Coburn, representing the Courier-Citizen Company; ex-City Treasurer Harrington, representing the "Sun," and Frank J. Simonds, representing the "News."

LOWELL, Jan. 2, 1896.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

At the request of the management of the Merrimack Clothing company, the undersigned have this day made a careful examination of the sales book of said company, covering the months of July, August, September, October, November and December in the years 1894 and 1895, respectively, and we find that during the months named in 1895, there was an increase of sales over the amount of sales made in the corresponding months of 1894 of sixteen and forty-five one hundredths, (16.45 per cent.

CHAS. F. COBURN.
FRANK J. SIMONDS.
JOHN H. HARRINGTON.

A. Shuman & Co's SUITS

An Attractive Feature of the SWEEPING REDUCTION SALE

Dressed with a new set of figures you will see them in our windows.

Overcoats

Of Black and Blue Kersey, when the sizes are broken are marked

Half Price

OVERCOATS

Of Blue Chinchella Are Labelled

$3.50

AND THE BOYS IN PROPORTION

How It Was Done. We Started Right.

We brought the Best Made Ready-to-wear Clothing, a Shuman Co.'s, to Lowell, gave the people the benefit of every advantage cash would secure—had courteous and painstaking salesmen who made the interest of the customer their interest, and backed up every statement we made in our advertisements with goods and prices.

IT PAYS TO BE HONEST WITH THE PUBLIC.

THE BIG STORE

MERRIMACK CLOTHING CO.

OPP. CITY HALL

LOWELL.

A MIGHTY REDUCTION.

Gigantic $100,000 Clearance Sale

A BOLD SLASH OF WINTER GOODS.

MONEY SAVING TIME TO BUYERS OF CLOTHING

SALE COMMENCES THURSDAY AT 9 O'CLOCK.

A reduction sale that means a loss to us, a corresponding gain to you. It is a much deplored necessity, but they are annual doses to clean out our stock and keep our system—of never carrying goods from one season to another season—in a good healthy condition.

DOWN COME THE PRICES.

Cut Prices

This mighty reduction sale will create the greatest stir.

MEN'S SUITS.

LOT 511—Men's black or blue Cheviot Suits, full winter weight, single or double breasted sacks, advertised by some dealers as a bargain at $8.00, our cut price is only $3.39

LOT 10,112—Men's dark mixed Cassimere Union Sack Suits, cut price only $3.98

LOT 4652—Men's heavy dark brown Union Cassimere Suits, sold in many stores for $10, our cut price only $4.48

LOT 4337—Men's dark steel mixed diagonal Cassimere Sack Suits, warranted all wool, worth $12, our cut price only $5.95

LOT 4757—Men's natty Scotch mixed Cheviot Sack Suits, warranted strictly all wool, sold in many stores at $13, our cut price only $6.49

LOT 4768—Men's heavy dark drab brown mixed Sack Suits, hard faced Cassimere, a great bargain, cut price only $7.95

LOT 4496—Men's heavy dark brown Scotch mixed Cheviot Sack Suits, regular $15 suits, cut price $9.95

LOT 2420—Men's heavy, blue, wide wale diagonal worsted suits, elegantly made and trimmed, worth $15, cut price $9.95

LOT 4516—Men's blue, rough, wide wale cheviot double-breasted Sack Suits, good value, at $15, cut price $9.95

LOT 9070—Men's heavy, fine, dark mixed, Fancy Worsted Suits, very neat and natty, well worth $22, cut price $13.95

LOT 4435—Men's heavy, imported, extra fine dark mixed Worsted Sack Suits, made by "jour" tailors, regular price $25, cut price $16.95

Cut Prices

No matter how cheap the bargains we advertise, they will stand investigation every time.

MEN'S OVERCOATS

LOT 4046—Men's Heavy Blue Chinchilla Overcoats, worth $7, cut price $3.19

LOT 9884—Men's Heavy Black Melton Overcoats, dressy garments, well made, worth $8.00, cut price $3.98

LOT 4778—Men's Heavy Blue or Black Beaver Overcoats, thoroughly well made, sold in many stores at $10.00 cut price $4.49

LOT 2753—Men's Fine Beaver Overcoats, blue or black, single or double breasted, worth $12.00, cut price $5.98

LOT 4999—Men's very fine all wool Kersey Overcoats, blue or black, worth $14.00, cut price $7.95

LOT 7579—Men's Fine Black Frieze Overcoats, very natty and dressy, old price $16.00, cut price $9.95

LOT 4696—Men's English Brown Kersey Overcoats, the latest shade out, old price $18.00, cut price $12.95

LOT 4775—Men's extra fine imported Black Kersey Overcoats, satin lined, old price $35.00, cut price $22.00

ULSTERS.

LOT 4427—Men's extra Heavy Frieze Ulsters; warm lining, cut extra long, wide collars, in blue, black, or oxford mixed, worth $8.00, cut price $4.95

LOT 4631—Men's Heavy Blue Chinchilla Ulsters, cut extra long, wide collars, worth $12.00, cut price $6.49

LOT 7547—Men's Heavy Irish Frieze Ulsters, black or blue, or Oxford mixed, cut extra long advertised as a bargain for $12.00 by many dealers, cut price $7.95

LOT 9605—Men's extra fine and Heavy Black Melton Ulsters, a gentleman's garment, worth $22.00 cut price $12.95

Cut Prices

Make money by saving it during this sale.

MEN'S PANTS.

LOT 133—Men's dark blue rib cheviot Pants worth $2, cut price 93c.

LOTS 1825, 2992, 2822, 2850, 2991, 2823—Men's plain or black cheviot, hair line cassimere, pin check union and dark gray cassimere Pants, worth $2, cut price 93c.

LOT 2682—Men's heavy all-wool, pin check, gray Dickey Pants, worth $2.50, cut price $1.29

LOT 7518—Men's fancy worsted pants, worth $2.50, cut price $1.29

LOT 2865—Men's gray mixed all-wool cassimere Pants, a great value, cut price $1.48

LOT 3107—Men's heavy dark mixed Scotch Cheviot Pants worth $3.50, cut price $1.98

LOT 3785—Men's fancy worsted Pants, blue or black, worth $3.50, cut price $1.98

LOT 9018—Men's fancy striped worsted Pants, a great value, worth $4, cut price $2.49

LOT 4573—Men's heavy all worsted black clay Pants worth $4, cut price $2.49

LOT 3441—Men's heavy fine striped Cassimere Pants, strictly all-wool, worth $5, cut price $2.98

BARGAINS IN BOYS' CLOTHING.
BARGAINS IN FURNISHING GOODS.
BARGAINS IN SHOES.

SEE OUR SHOW WINDOWS. They are filled with samples of the goods offered at this sale. Our limited space prevents calling attention to but few of the many special trades offered in our several departments. Such exceptional Bargains have never been offered by our house before.

J. L. CHALIFOUX,

CENTRAL AND MIDDLE STREETS

NOT RECEIVING TODAY

Ladies Often Lose the Pleasure of Calls Because of Old Enemy, Backache.

"I should like to, but I'm miserable."
"It is impossible, my back aches so."
"One of the other ladies must take my place."

How often one hears these remarks.

Backache is an obstacle to many ladies.

Depriving them of much pleasure. A little information corrects this.

And Lowell ladies are well informed.
On the subject of backache.
They know it's kidney ache.
And they take Doan's Kidney Pills.
And then are ready for callers, always.
Mrs. Knowles, 46 Cross street, is one.
She has suffered much from it.
Pain through the kidneys.
Urinary trouble developed.
Dizziness, with severe headache.
All this took the enjoyment out of life.

She adds: "I saw in my paper that Doan's Kidney Pills were curing cases like mine and got a box at Ellingwood & Co.'s, Merrimack and Central streets. I had not taken many before there was quite an improvement. I got the second box, and now I can say my suffering has ceased. I am all right in every way. I do not hesitate to give Doan's Kidney Pills the credit of curing the kidney trouble and every pain connected with it. You may use my name and say I am willing to answer any one who may apply to me with trouble like mine."

For sale by all dealers—price 50 cents per box. Mailed by Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y., sole agents for the United States.

Afternoon Tea.

Mrs. Joseph F. Talbot and Miss Talbot of North Billerica gave a very pleasant tea yesterday afternoon in honor of Mrs. Allison Taylor of Haverhill. The day was perfect and a number of people drove down from Lowell. Miss Saunders of Haverhill, Miss Talbot, Mrs. E. S. Sherman and Mrs. Cameron assisted in receiving and presided over the tea table.

Easy to Take

And easy to operate, small in size, efficient, thorough, satisfactory, but gentle in effect.

Hood's Pills

25c. Prepared by C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass.

ATTENTION!

Secretaries of societies, lodges, clubs and all fraternal orders. A list of societies will be inserted in the Lowell Directory for 1896

FREE OF COST,

By sending or leaving the same at Merrill's Bookstore, 124 Central street. Give name of order, time of meeting, and where held; also, full name of secretary and treasurer of same. This is quite an important feature of the Directory, and with your co-operation we shall be enabled to give a complete list of same.

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Genuine Mark-down Clearance Sale

OF OUR ENTIRE STOCK OF

DRY AND FANCY GOODS

CONSISTING OF LADIES', MISSES' AND CHILDREN'S

OUTSIDE GARMENTS

LADIES'

FUR CLOAKS

OF EVERY DESCRIPTION AT LESS THAN

50 Cents on the Dollar

20 Heavy Beaver Capes, fur trimmed, $2.25, worth $5.

25 Fancy Boucle Jackets, $6.75, down from $12.50

25 Children's Long Garments, all sizes, $3.50, from $8.00.

25 Astrachan Fur Capes, $5.50, down from $11.

About 200 Long Garments for Ladies and Misses in all sizes, good quality, from 75c. to $2.00 each, were from $4 to $6 each.

Remember this sale, note the prices, as everything in our Cloak stock must go at some price.

Remember our Markdown Sale of Underwear, Hosiery, Cloves, Blankets, Dress Goods, Silks and Satins. Everything at greatly reduced prices

DIARIES

FOR 1896.

All Sizes, all Prices. New Year's Gifts in endless variety.

Merrimack House Block CAMBRIDGE, City Hall Square

TODAY AT 2 O'CLOCK P.M.

And afterwards while the lots last, the GREATEST BARGAINS in FINE CLOTHING ever seen on the market in Lowell will be offered, almost given away by us.

PRICES ARE ANNIHILATED.
PROFITS ARE SACRIFICED

Tailor-made Suits, Overcoats and Trousers together with a big stock of Boys' and Children's Suits and Ulsters are to be sold without limit or reserve for a small faction of the real value.

The reason is plain—the same with us as with every clothing dealer in the country—"A dull season so far."

There is this material difference, however: Our stock is all new, having been bought within ninety days, and manufactured to our order, you run no risk of getting shop-worn goods in this sale. It is a regretable, unavoidable sacrifice of prices. OUR LOSS. YOUR GAIN. Furnishing Goods and Hats have been already quoted to you. Today we give prices on Clothing.

All Goods Marked in Plain Figures.

BOYS' KNEE PANTS.
Former Price, 35c 50c $1.00 1.50.
Sale Price, 25c 39c 69c 89c.

BOYS' SUITS.
Former Price, $2.00 2.50 3.50 5.00.
Sale Price, $1.47 1.98 2.98 3.98.

BOYS' REEFERS.
Former Price, $2 50 3 00 5 00 6 00 8 00.
Sale Price, $1 98 2 47 3 98 4 98 6 98.

BOYS' ULSTERS, 4 to 14 Years.
Former Price, $1 50 2 50 3 00 4 00 5 00 6 00 8 00.
Sale Price, 98c $1 98 2 47 2 98 3 98 4 98 6 98.

BOYS FLANNEL BLOUSES and SHIRT WAISTS.
Former Price, 35c 50c 75c $1 00 1 50.
Sale Price, 25c 29c 47c 69c 97c.

MEN'S TROUSERS.
Former Price, $1 25 2 00 2 50 3 00 4 00 5 00 6 00 7 00.
Sale Price, 98c $1 47 1 97 2 48 2 98 3 98 4 98 5 98.

MEN'S OVERCOATS, Greatest Sacrifice.
Former Price— $4 $5 $6 $8 $10 $12 $15 $18 $20 $25
Sale Price— $2 98 3 98 4 98 5 98 7 97 9 97 11 98 13 75 13 98 17 98

MEN'S ULSTERS. Almost down to Half Price.
Former Price, $5 $6 $8 $10 $12 $15 $20 $25
Sale Price, $3 98 4 98 5 98 7 98 8 47 11 47 13 98 18 75

A GUARANTEE IS GIVEN

That every garment sold will be found exactly as represented, and furthermore we promise to exchange goods during the sale or refund the money if customers desire it. We have a good line of merchandise to sell, and we know it. Hence our position to exchange or refund.

SEE OUR WINDOWS. EXAMINE QUALITY AND PRICES.

O'HEARN & DOWD

OLD POST OFFICE.